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BRITAIN'S HAND KEPT FREE. PREMIER'S LATEST CHINA STATEMENT.

NO TROOP AGREEMENT WITH CHEN POSSIBLE.

AN ANSWER TO LABOUR.

That there can be no question of the British Government entering into an arrangement with Mr. Eugene Chen or anybody else in connection with the movement of British troops being sent out to China solely with the object of protecting British life, was clearly stated by Mr. Stanley Baldwin, the Prime Minister, in the House of Commons yesterday.

The House debated the Reply to the Address from the Throne, when Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the Labour Leader, criticised the Government's policy in sending troops to Shanghai and urged that, if assurances were forthcoming, the troops should not be landed.

The Premier said that the time and the manner and the number of landing British forces to protect British life and interests at Shanghai would depend entirely upon the circumstances and upon the advice of the local British authorities.

Other important points concerning the China crisis were dealt with, and there is to be a full debate of the subject in the House on Thursday.

London, Feb. 8.

In moving the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, in the House of Commons, the Hon. Oliver Stanley said that the promised legislation dealing with Trade Unions did not threaten any vital aims of the Trade Unions. No responsible body would countenance any attempt to destroy Trade Unionism.

Mr. Charles Macdonald, in seconding, dealt mainly with China, declaring that the British Government had taken the only safe course.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald contended that any difficulties arising out of the present position of the Trade Union law should not be dealt with just at this moment. If the Government were wise it would leave matters alone. (Opposition cheers). He declared that the Trades Union Bill would be regarded by every Labour organisation as a political movement for advancing political issues. It would be fought at every stage. (Labourite cheers).

TROOP MOVEMENTS DEPLORED.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, referring to China, said that when the military defence force was sent out to act as policemen, a new situation was created. It might possibly increase the security of Britishers at Shanghai, and possibly not. Mr. MacDonald was of opinion that the reaction on the other side would be bad. The first effect was to unite Peking and Canton in a protest. If the Chinese Governments either at Peking or Canton deliberately adopted the policy violently to eject us from China, the reaction in this country would be so great that nobody would care to contemplate the result. The only way of diminishing the risks of Britishers in Shanghai was to proceed with negotiations and get such arrangements under consideration as would make an outbreak of violence absolutely impossible.

"PLAYING WITH FIRE."

But, on the contrary, the Government was playing with fire. He refused to believe that a judicious handling of the situation could not get the Hankow agreement signed. If that were signed, what better security could there be for Britishers in Shanghai?

Mr. MacDonald asked for information on various points, including: what communications had been received from other Powers as regards the security of their subjects and on the landing of British troops in the International Settlement; whether any attempt had been made to get an agreement with the Cantonese as regards the security of Britishers in Shanghai; whether the troops

SUPREME COURT BURGLED.

CHIEF JUSTICE'S CHAMBERS VISITED.

TWO CLOCKS STOLEN.

Considerable mystery surrounds a burglary which was carried out at the Supreme Court sometime between 6.30 last evening and early this morning, when two clocks valued at \$70, were taken.

On arriving at his office this morning, Mr. R. W. H. Maynard, clerk to the Chief Justice, discovered that a wall clock which hung in his room, and a similar one in Sir Henry Gollan's chambers, were missing.

When the caretaker was cleaning the place early this morning, he noticed three mirrors, one belonging to Mr. Maynard and the other two to Sir Henry Gollan, lying on a table in the passage running along the side of the big Court. He also found the key to Sir Henry Gollan's door in the lock, together with Mr. Maynard's key on the same ring.

It is thought that the thief intended to take the mirrors, in addition to the clocks, but, finding that they could not be effectively concealed, he left them on the table.

The keys to the doors are usually left in a desk drawer in the passage between the two doors, and, as the original keys were used, the burglar must have known where to find them, after entering the building. There are no signs of any entrance having been forced into the building, and everything was in order when Mr. Maynard left last evening.

\$30 SHORT.

WING ON STORE INCIDENT.

Two foreigners went into the Wines and Spirits Department of the Wing On Company yesterday, and when they left, after making a small purchase, trouble arose over a sum of thirty dollars of which the customers were alleged to have defrauded the Company.

According to a report made to the police by one of the paying-in clerks of the store, it transpires that a bill of \$3.30 for goods purchased from the Wines Department, was handed to the shroff, and one of the two customers who made this joint purchase, tendered a \$100 bill. The shroff was proceeding to deal but the change, when one of the customers expressed a preference to have a \$50 bill.

The shroff, not having this particular note on hand, consented to the \$100 note being changed at a money-changer's shop in the street. A Chinese who accompanied the two customers eventually returned with the money, which was handed, all in a row, to the shroff. The \$50 bill was handed back to the customer in addition to the other notes and coins which went to make up the balance of \$36.70.

Not until the customers had departed did the shroff count the notes. He then found, it is alleged, that he was short to the extent of thirty dollars.

In reply to the police, the shroff stated that the customers appeared to be Portuguese.

COURT CHANGES.

CHIEF JUSTICE ON LEAVE.

Mr. Justice Wood, Puisne Judge, will become acting Chief Justice during the absence from the Colony on holiday of Sir Henry Gollan, who left for Europe by the ss. Sardinia to-day, and Mr. J. H. B. Nihill, who has been acting as Assistant Attorney General, will become acting Puisne Judge.

With the departure to Ceylon of Mr. A. Dyer Ball, and the elevation of Mr. Nihill, the post of Assistant Attorney General also becomes vacant, but it is not yet officially known who will act in this capacity.

CANTON STRIKE.

CLOSING OF BUTCHER SHOPS.

MORE LABOUR TROUBLES.

According to a Chinese report, the butchers in Canton declared a general strike on Monday, and no pork is available in the city now. The origin of the trouble was that the butcheries usually reopen for business on the 7th day after the New Year holidays, but this year a number of the butcheries in Ng Sin Moon resumed on the 5th. The pickets of the Butchers' Union interfered and the result was a fight with knives and daggers. Several were severely injured during the fracas, and when the matter was reported to the Labour Union a general strike was declared.

THE DISMISSAL QUESTION.

The question of dismissing shop felds on the second day of the first moon has not only caused a bitter struggle between the merchants and their employees in Canton but in other cities of the province also. The shopkeepers in Sheklung, the principal town on the East River, are threatening a general strike. They had a bitter conflict with the Labour Unions on the third day of the first moon resulting from the dismissal of a few shop felds. The Municipality of Sheklung city is trying to arrange a reconciliation between the shops and the labourers but so far nothing definite has yet been done.

MATTER DISCUSSED.

Referring to the situation in Canton, the Canton Gazette states that leaders of the various workers' unions held a meeting on 31st Jan. in the Assembly Hall of the Provincial Kuomintang to discuss means of abolishing the old-time practice of shop employers retarding or dismissing employees on the 2nd day of the Lunar New Year.

This practice which was recently endorsed by the Provincial Government, and the Canton Branch of the Political Council, and the Department of Industry was ordered to notify the Chambers of Commerce throughout the province for the information of the merchants of various guilds.

UNION DEMANDS.

The Labour leaders however decided to oppose the measure and petitioned the Provincial Government for its abolition. Accordingly they met at the Leather Shoes Makers' Union at 10 a.m. on the same day, and went to the Department of Peasantry and Labour but not obtaining any satisfactory answer to their demand, they then turned to the Provincial Government headquarters.

THE DECISION.

They were received by officials of the Government, and after a conference, the following measures were decided upon by the Government as a means of meeting the workers' grievances:—

1. That the terms of various agreements concluded formerly between workers' unions and their employers be temporarily allowed to continue in force, until such time as the rules for settling disputes between workers and their employers are amended by the Government.
2. That, with the exception of those employers who had definite agreements with workers who are members of Labour Unions, and have therefore to adhere to the terms agreed upon, the change of employees by employers during the Lunar New Year, would be made according to the usual practice.
3. That, before a strike is set on foot, the Union members on strike should not be subject to dismissal but should be treated according to the strike settlement terms.

THE U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

COOLIDGE NOT LIKELY TO STAND.

NO CHANCE FOR "DRYS."

New York, Feb. 8.

That President Coolidge will not seek re-election to the Presidency in 1928 is the opinion expressed in a speech by Dr. Butler, President of Columbia University. He expressed the view that it would be fatal for the Republicans to raise the third-term issue and declared that one of the deepest and most persistent convictions of the American people was that no president should hold office three times. President Coolidge's commonsense would lead him to announce his unwillingness to stand when the proper time came.

Dr. Butler stated that farm relief and foreign policy would be the main issues of the Presidential campaign. He declared that no one who was not frankly "wet" would stand a chance.

While Dr. Butler disclaimed direct information, significance is attached to the fact that he spent the week-end at White House.—*Reuter's American Service.*

DEATH OF DR. STEDMAN.

FORMER HONGKONG SURGEON.

Many Hongkong residents will hear with the utmost regret of the death in England of Dr. Frederic Osmond Stedman, M.D., B.S. (London), M.R.C.S., news of which has been received in the Colony by cable. No details are to hand excepting the fact that Dr. Stedman passed away on the 2nd instant, but it is thought likely that he was a victim of the influenza epidemic known to be widespread in England at that time.

The late Dr. Stedman, who was 64 years of age, came to the Colony in 1893 to join the firm of Drs. Hartigan, Cantley and Cowie (now known as Drs. Hartigan, Black, Baleen, Koch, Stuart Taylor, Morrison, Gowler and Milward). On the retirement of Dr. Cantley in 1897 he became a partner in the firm the name of which then changed to Dr. Hartigan, Stedman and Rennie. Dr. G. M. Hartigan, who came East five years after the late Dr. Stedman, was admitted a partner in 1903, when the firm again changed its name.

Dr. Stedman, who was a Justice of the Peace for the Colony, won much esteem during his lengthy residence here, being recognised as a very skillful surgeon. He left Hongkong on retirement about ten years ago.

Prior to coming to Hongkong, Dr. Stedman was House Surgeon, House Physician and Surgeon Registrar at the Charing Cross Hospital; House Physician at the National Hospital for Paralysis and Epilepsy, London; and clinical assistant at Moorfields Eye Hospital.

The deceased leaves a widow and two sons—Mr. Noel Stedman and Mr. Nigel Stedman—the latter of whom holds an appointment in Kenya Colony. The utmost sympathy will be felt with the family in their bereavement.

STRANGE FATALITY.

TOY BALLOON SWALLOWED.

A ten-year-old Chinese lad died yesterday as the result of a strange mishap, and his body was later removed by the police to the Mortuary.

In this morning's police report of the case, it was indicated that death was produced through the accidental swallowing of a "aqueak" toy balloon with which the boy was playing. The intake of air caused the toy to expand after it had been swallowed, and this produced suffocation from which death resulted.

HANKOW PARLEY CONTINUES.

ENDEAVOUR TO SURMOUNT DIFFICULTIES.

MARTIAL LAW IS DECLARED AT ICHANG.

TROOPS LEAVE HONGKONG.

Mr. O'Malley and Mr. Eugene Chen, who had a two-hour conference on Monday, again met yesterday morning, and are reported to be endeavouring to bridge the differences arising out of the deadlock created by Mr. Chen's refusal to sign an agreement while British troops are assembling at Shanghai.

British bluejackets were yesterday landed at Kiukiang in consequence of excitement on the Bund, but were withdrawn when it was learned that the incident arose out of the public execution of some Northern spies.

At Ichang, martial law has been declared and a strike of house boys is threatened for to-morrow.

The Eighth Destroyer Flotilla has left Sheerness for China, and the Durham and Gloucester battalions are leaving Hongkong to-day for Shanghai.

Hankow, Feb. 8.

Following a two-hour meeting yesterday afternoon, Mr. Eugene Chen and Mr. O'Malley again met this morning.

It is learned that they are examining the position created by Mr. Chen's statement refusing to sign an agreement while British forces are concentrating at Shanghai, with a view to ascertaining whether the difficulty can be surmounted.—*Reuter.*

BRITAIN'S OFFER.

PEKING WITHHOLDS REPLY.

Peking, Feb. 8.

It is unofficially but reliably reported that the Cabinet to-day discussed Britain's latest proposals but decided not to reply thereto until the British Reply to the Note regarding the despatch of troops had been received.—*Reuter.*

NAVAL NEWS.

MARTIAL LAW AT ICHANG.

Ichang, Feb. 8.

Martial law has been proclaimed, and all passing vessels are obliged to make a stop for military inspection. A large commemorative demonstration was held to-day, but there was no untoward incident. Troops movements on an extensive scale continue.

A strike of houseboys is threatened for Thursday.

The officers of the British men-of-war are being granted leave to visit the Concession, but ratings are only landed on the Bund for the purpose of exercise.—*Naval Wireless.*

BLUEJACKETS LAND AT KIUKIANG.

Kiukiang, Feb. 8.

There was considerable excitement in Kiukiang to-day crowds running down the Bund. Two platoons of bluejackets were landed from the ships to investigate the cause. It was ascertained that there had been a public execution of Northern spies, and the platoons were withdrawn without incident.—*Naval Wireless.*

TROOPS MOVING.

Wuhu, Feb. 8.

Large numbers of troops have arrived here.—*Naval Wireless.*

MORE MISSIONARIES.

Chungking, Feb. 8.

More missionaries have come from the interior, and about eighty will leave down river on Thursday.—*Naval Wireless.*

SHANGHAI BOUND.

DURHAM AND GLOUCESTERS LEAVE.

The 2nd Bn. of the Durham Light Infantry, and the 2nd Bn. of the Gloucester Regiment leave for Shanghai to-day by the ss. Takliwa and ss. Varna respectively. The troops had been kept on board the steamers awaiting further orders, and were officially informed this morning that it had

been decided to send both Battalions to Shanghai.

The Durhams were to have left to-day at noon and the Gloucesters later in the afternoon.

MORE DESTROYERS.

8TH FLOTILLA LEAVES HOME.

London, Feb. 8.

The flotilla leader Bruce and the destroyers *Thracian*, *Seraph*, *Serapis*, *Sirdar*, *Stormcloud*, *Somme*, *Sterling* and *Sepoy* have left for China from Sheerness.—*Reuter.*

These boats comprise the 8th Destroyer Flotilla, which is commanded by Capt. C. H. G. Benson, D.S.O. (Seniority June 30th, 1924). The following are other details:

- H.M.S. Bruce, Flotilla Leader of 1,800 tons, carrying five 4.7 guns and three anti-aircraft guns. Commanded by Lieut.-Com. J. P. White, D.S.C.
 - H.M.S. Sepoy, (Lieut.-Com. A. L. Pears).
 - H.M.S. Seraph (Lieut.-Com. G. M. Crockett).
 - H.M.S. Serapis, (Commander L. D'O. Bignell).
 - H.M.S. Sirdar, (Lieut.-Com. G. N. Graham).
 - H.M.S. Somme, (Lieut.-Com. F. S. W. de Winton).
 - H.M.S. Sterling, (Lieut.-Com. S. H. T. Arliss).
 - H.M.S. Stormcloud (Lieut.-Com. P. H. G. James).
 - H.M.S. Thracian (Lieut.-Com. R. Nash, D.S.C.).
- All the above seven destroyers are of 1,075 tons and carry three 4-inch guns.

ANOTHER TROOPSHIP.

Port Said, Feb. 8.

The troopship *Kinfauns Castle* has left for China.—*Reuter.*

AMERICAN FORCES.

MARINES DEPART FOR SHANGHAI.

The U. S. S. *Pecos*, auxiliary vessel at the Cavite Navy Yard, left Manila on Friday last, bound for Shanghai with 191 marines aboard. Of the detachment of marines making the trip, 91 are from Cavite, while the remaining 100 arrived from Guam, coming on the navy transport *Gold Star*.

Major J. P. Wilcox is in command of the detachment. Lieutenant T. A. Holdahl together with another officer is also making the trip.

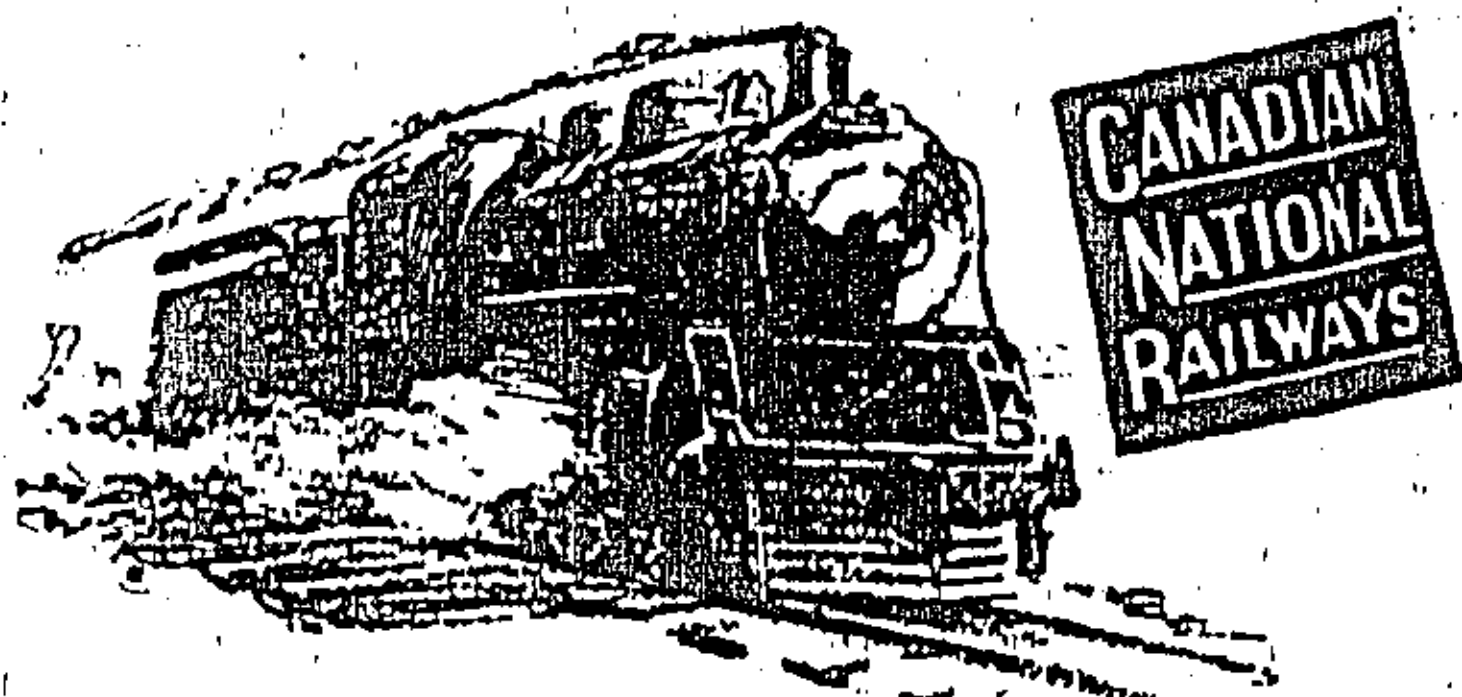
Admiral Sumner E. W. Kittelle delivered a stirring address to the marines the day before they left, in which he lauded the work of the marine corps and cited some of its traditions. Admiral Kittelle stated that the marines had succeeded where others had failed, and that in the present crisis, it was up to the China draft to carry on the tradition of the marines.

It is evident that the Navy department considers the situation in China as serious in view of the fact that the marines from Guam

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KOWLOON TONG
SQUATTERS.

DEBATE AT SANITARY BOARD.

Mr. J. R. Braga at yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board moved a resolution "that in the opinion of this Board the close proximity of a squatters' settlement to the new and growing residential district of Kowloon Tong is prejudicial to the public health, and in the interests of the residents of the district the permits granted to the Squatters should be revoked at as early a date as practicable."

Mr. Braga, in submitting the motion, said: There are two points that need emphasizing. The first is the need for safe-guarding the public health; and the second, a call for reply to the remarks by the junior Chinese member of the Board (Mr. Wong Kwong-tin) at the last meeting.

On the ground of the public health, I am glad to have the admission of the M. O. H. that, in his opinion, the cess-pools now in question are noxious, and I hope that the Board will agree that the nuisance is such that it requires immediate abatement.

Breeding Grounds.

But my motion goes further; it calls not only for the abatement of this nuisance but for the withdrawal of the permits and so remove the danger lurking in the potential breeding grounds of flies, admittedly the worst known carriers of disease. There are, besides the cess-pools, large animal dung heaps used by the gardeners for manure.

This manurial substance, in the way it is collected, forms excellent breeding ground for flies. It needs no stretch of imagination to conceive the danger these disease carriers would be in the case of an epidemic—such as typhoid or dysentery—with two large institutions so close by, like the Kowloon Hospital and the Diocesan School for Boys.

As regards the latter building it is understood that arrangements are in contemplation for taking it over and converting it into a temporary military hospital for troops. No argument can be too strong for protecting the health of our soldiers. As regards the civilian section of Kowloon Tong residents, they were promised a Garden City when the scheme was first presented and which attracted subscriptions for no less than 250 houses.

Disfigurement Question.

In the carrying out of the scheme it was necessary for the Government to resume all the existing village and bring up the level of the ground to the public roadway. This was one of the important parts in the scheme for public improvement. We have it on the authority of the Colonial Secretary that the estimated cost to Government of the Kowloon Tong Scheme is \$1,388,000. Subscribers' share will cost not less than \$2,500,000 in the aggregate so that we have a total expenditure of nearly four million dollars in a Housing Scheme which the promoters promised would convert the district into a garden city when the scheme is completed.

It is not now for this Board to contribute to the disfigurement of a garden city by its tacit approval of permits which would resurrect—in a new form with the new permittees—the old objectionable villages now for the most part resumed by the Government.

Mr. Braga's Warning.

The Chinese member, who spoke at the last meeting, rather laboured the point of a proclamation by Government promising all kinds of things to the inhabitants of the Colony. I do not know to which particular proclamation the member referred. I rather imagine what he had in mind was the proclamation by Capt. Charles Elliot of the 1st February, 1841.

I have looked up the text of that proclamation and have failed to discover any pronouncement that assured immunity from perpetration of insanitary habits and customs to the early settlers of the Colony.

If my colleague's contention had been upheld in the past I am very much afraid that the Colony would not have outlived the inevitable reputation of being a pestiferous spot, for our anti-malarial measures and other consistent efforts at stamping out deadly diseases in the Colony would have been obstructed at every turn.

A note of warning seems to me to be called for. As guardians of the public health the duty is imposed upon us to recommend measures calculated to prevent diseases and to remove the likely sources for the spread of an epidemic, should one unfortunately visit us.

Neglect this duty and we leave ourselves exposed to public condemnation at condoning an offence against the security of public health. With this warning, I commend the motion to the adoption of the Board.

No Hardship.

Dr. S. C. Ho said: In seconding the motion I feel we should be falling in a public duty were we, as a Board, to refuse to accord to the motion the support it deserves after all the arguments we have heard advanced in its favour. Looking at the effect of the resolution on the small number of Chinese squatters—not more than 3 or 4 I believe—I do not think its adoption is going to work any hardship at all.

The people whom the motion will move out of the district do not enjoy any prescriptive rights. It was but very recently that one of these permittees was allowed to lay out his vegetable garden at Kowloon Tong. My inquiries elicit the fact that the man who was granted the permit had come from Cheung Sha Wan. Surely he might have been given the choice of some other site not so close to a large residential settlement that bids fair to become an important township in the future?

Self Evident Nuisance.

Of the 250 subscribers to the Kowloon Tong scheme, 210 are Chinese, 10 British, and 30 Portuguese, so that in protecting the health of the residents of Kowloon Tong our first concern is for the majority of the Chinese.

As for the proximity of the Kowloon Hospital and the Diocesan Boys' School the objection to the nuisance is self evident and need not be enlarged upon. On the principle that "prevention is better than cure" I second the motion.

Dr. C. W. Pope, the Medical Officer of Health, said that if the cess-pools were removed any 200 yards from the nearest habitation that would safeguard the residential part of the district. He also spoke on the question of manure and suggested that the breeding of flies could be avoided if the manure was brought from some distant place.

Colonel Boyland Smith said he did not think the convenience of the settlers should be put before the question of public health. The manure should be rotted at some distant place and not near Kowloon Tong.

It was very difficult to educate the settlers up to modern sanitation, and it was certainly very dangerous to have manure round human habitations.

The Settlers' Rights.

Mr. Wong Kwong-tin said the settlers were farmers and that was their only means of livelihood. They should be offered protection so that their trade was not killed by not allowing them to have arable land to cultivate. If the Board should decide to cancel the settlers' licences he thought the Government should provide suitable land for them.

There were some cases where the farmers had lived for generations. If they were to be suddenly turned out it would be unfair. They should certainly be compensated if land was going to be taken away from them.

BOATMEN SHOT.

PIRACY AND WOUNDING ON JUNK.

Yesterday afternoon the master of a fishing junk which had left San Mei in Chinese Territory for Hongkong with a crew of four males at noon on Saturday last, reported to the Police the perpetration of a piracy on his boat while off Po Tau Chau in British Territories.

Another junk was seen to approach the fishing boat from the direction of Lung Shun Wan. On nearing the boat from San Mei the crew on board noticed that there were four armed men on the intruding craft. One member of the gang of what later turned out to be pirates, fired at the victims and wounded two members of the crew of the fishing boat.

One man was shot through the arm and immediately on his arrival in Hongkong yesterday afternoon was taken to Hospital for treatment. The other man who was wounded in the back owes his narrow escape from death to the fact that he was wearing no less than eight coats as a prevention against the cold winds. All the garments were penetrated and a wound was caused to his back but the injury was so slight that no medical treatment was necessary.

The four robbers boarded the fishing boat and stole the cargo of 31 pigs which were being brought to Hongkong and a quantity of clothing to the total value of \$821.

If flies from manure were dangerous he would call attention to the night soil system—far more dangerous than cess-pools.

Possible Reform.

The Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, D. P. W., said he sympathized with Mr. Braga's motion, but he thought it was a question in which they had to move slowly. The settlers were put settlers in the true sense of the word as they could be given very short notice. He did not think it was a matter which could be hurried. He explained what steps had been taken in the matter and stated that the farmers were merely permittees.

Mr. N. L. Smith, the chairman, explained the courses which were open to deal with the question. If the settlers found that they could not carry on cultivation without having noxious cess-pools then they would naturally have to give up their permits. He had been told by the B. and F. Department that it was possible to have inoffensive dry cultivation. They might find, if the M. O. H. prosecuted those people who had the nuisances within 200 yards of habitations, that they could reform the methods of cultivation.

A Big Responsibility.

The alternative was that the Board should recommend the Government to cancel the permits. Personally he did not see the need for this until they had tried the legal methods in their power to abate any nuisances which might arise. He was inclined to vote against the motion as there was a difficulty as to who was included in the settlement. He did not think the Board would suggest that all cultivation up to the foothills should be stopped.

Mr. Braga, replying to Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, said he had not suggested that the settlers should be deprived of their livelihood. He did not see why in the course of time the people in Kowloon Tong should not have all the amenities of an urban district without causing any hardship to the squatters. He thought the Board should take the first opportunity of visiting the site. The members would find that he had been rather moderate in his description of the conditions at Kowloon Tong. The Board had a big responsibility in the matter. The motion was put to the meeting and defeated by four votes to three.

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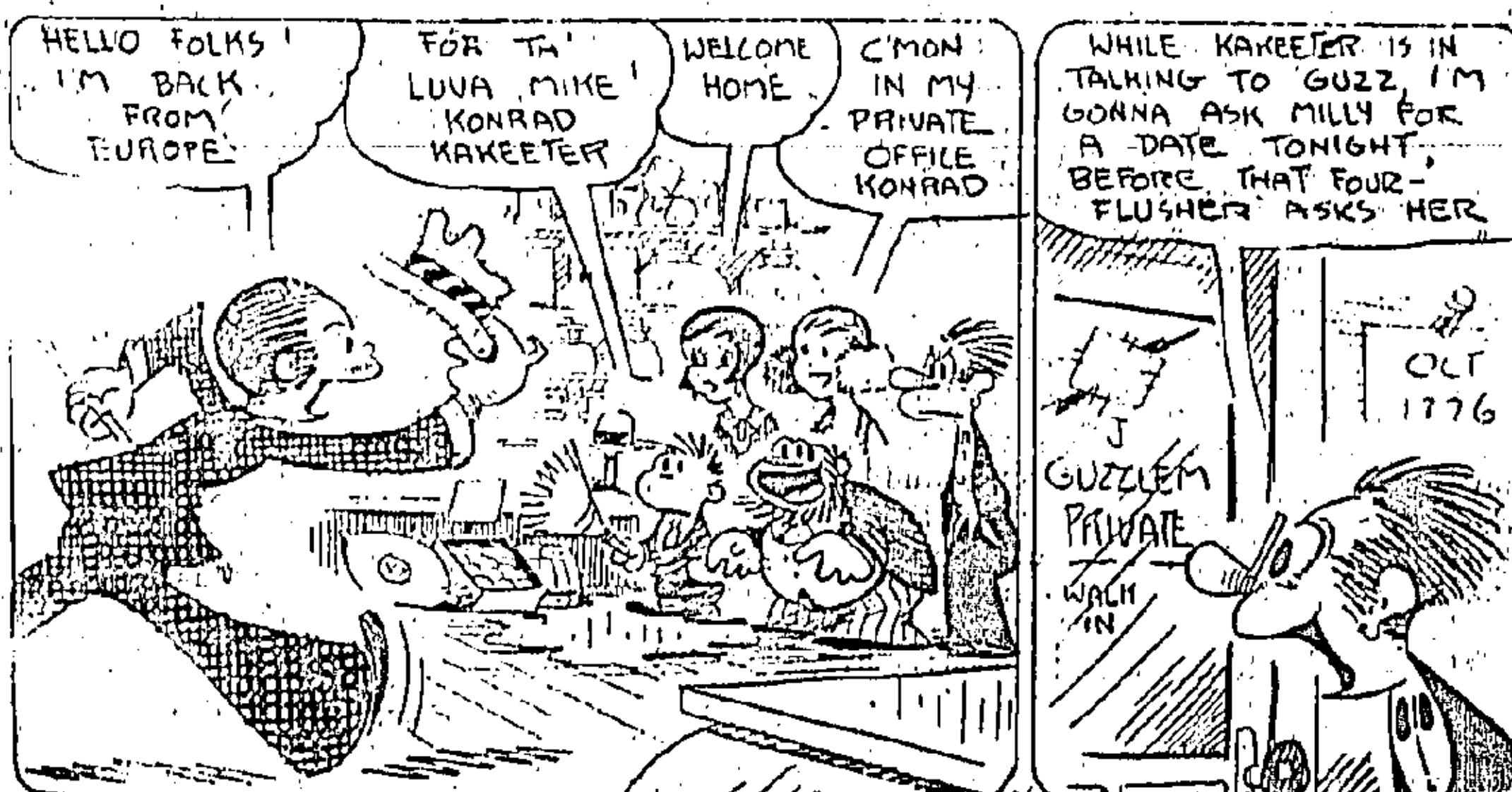
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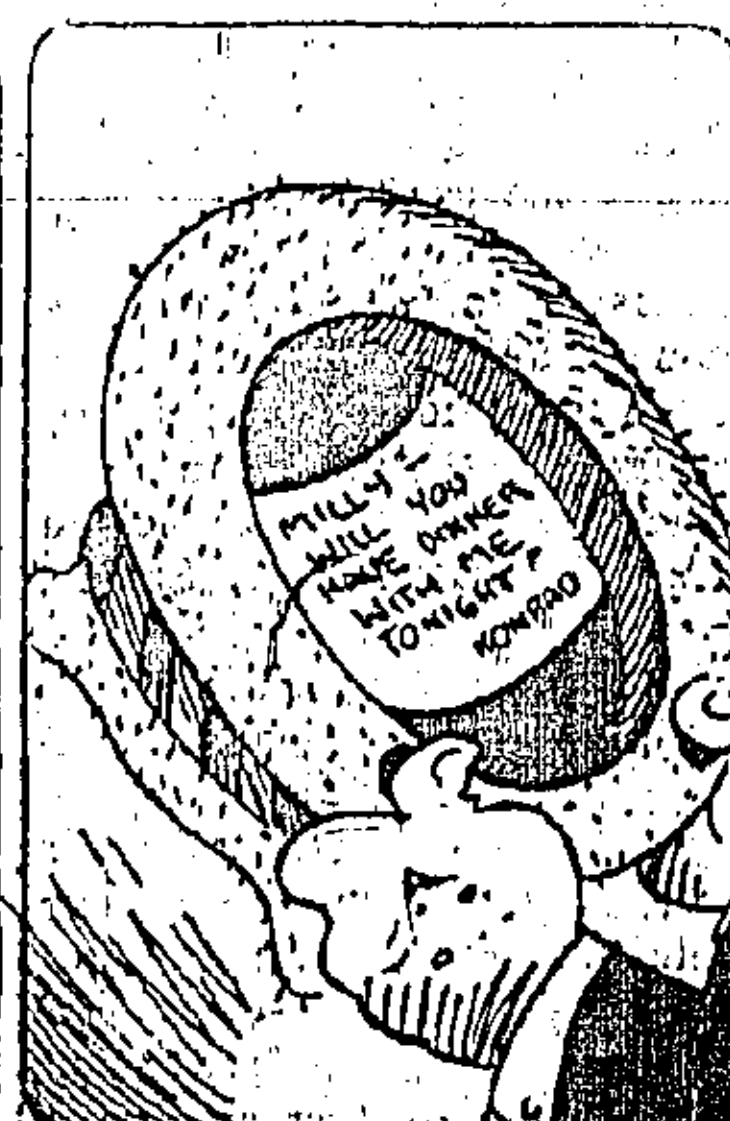
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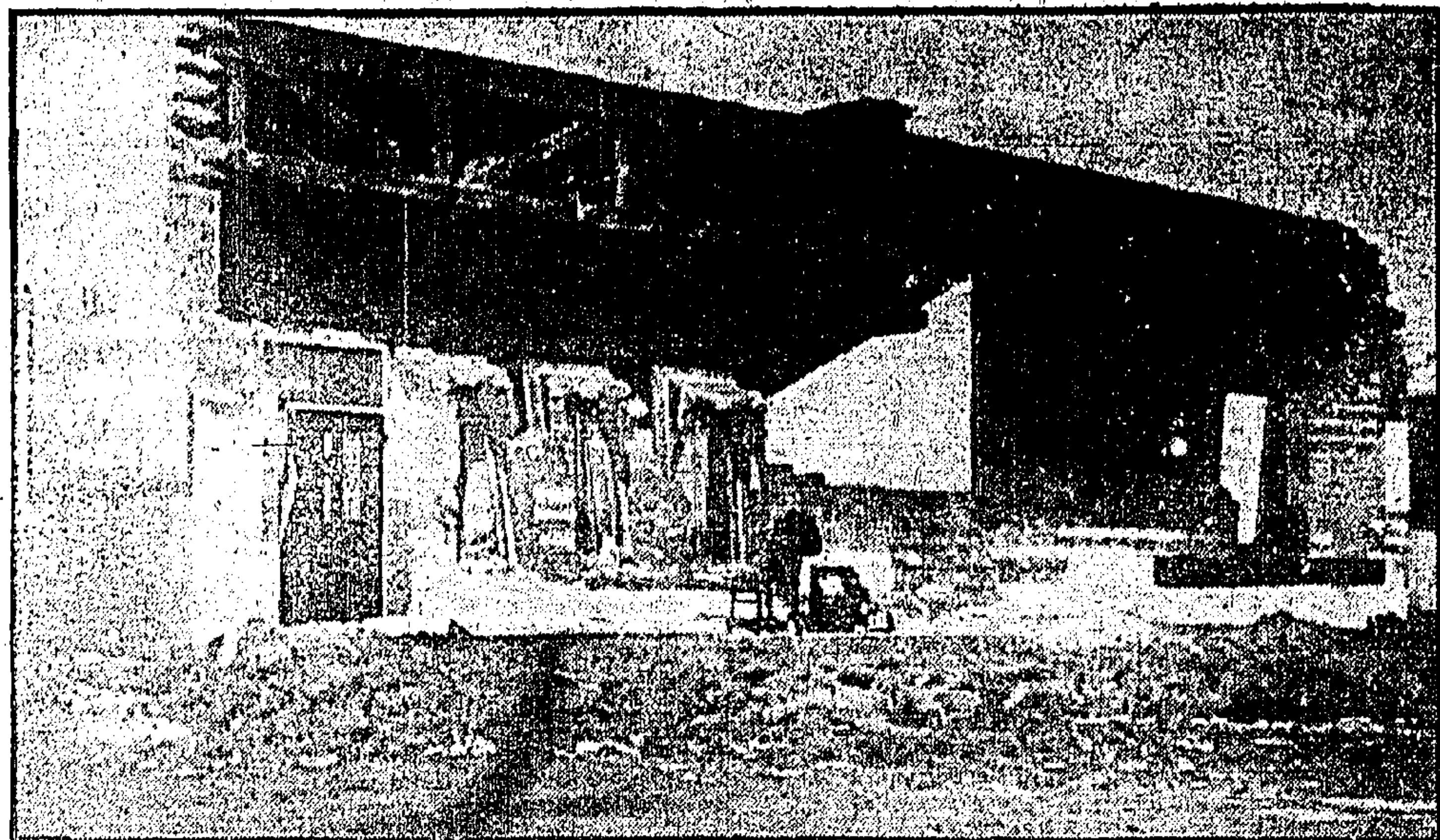


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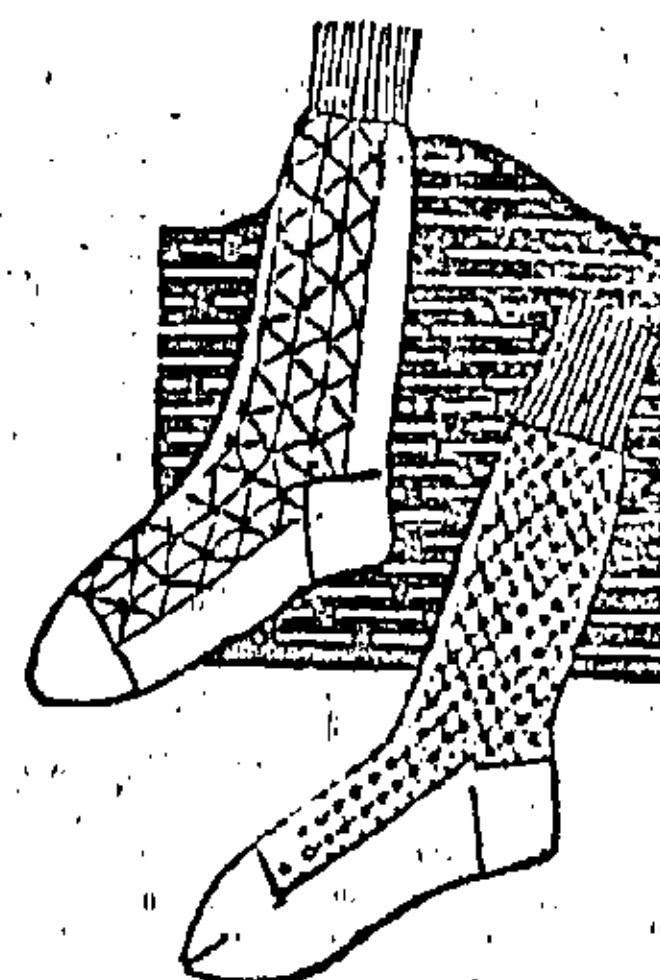


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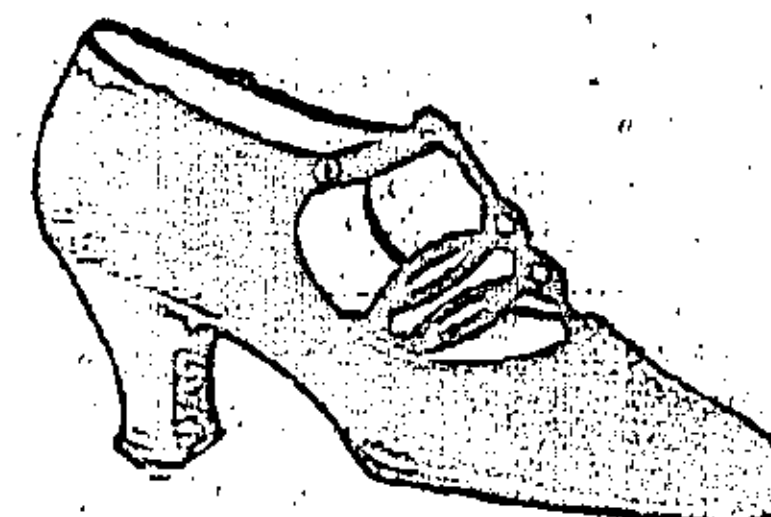
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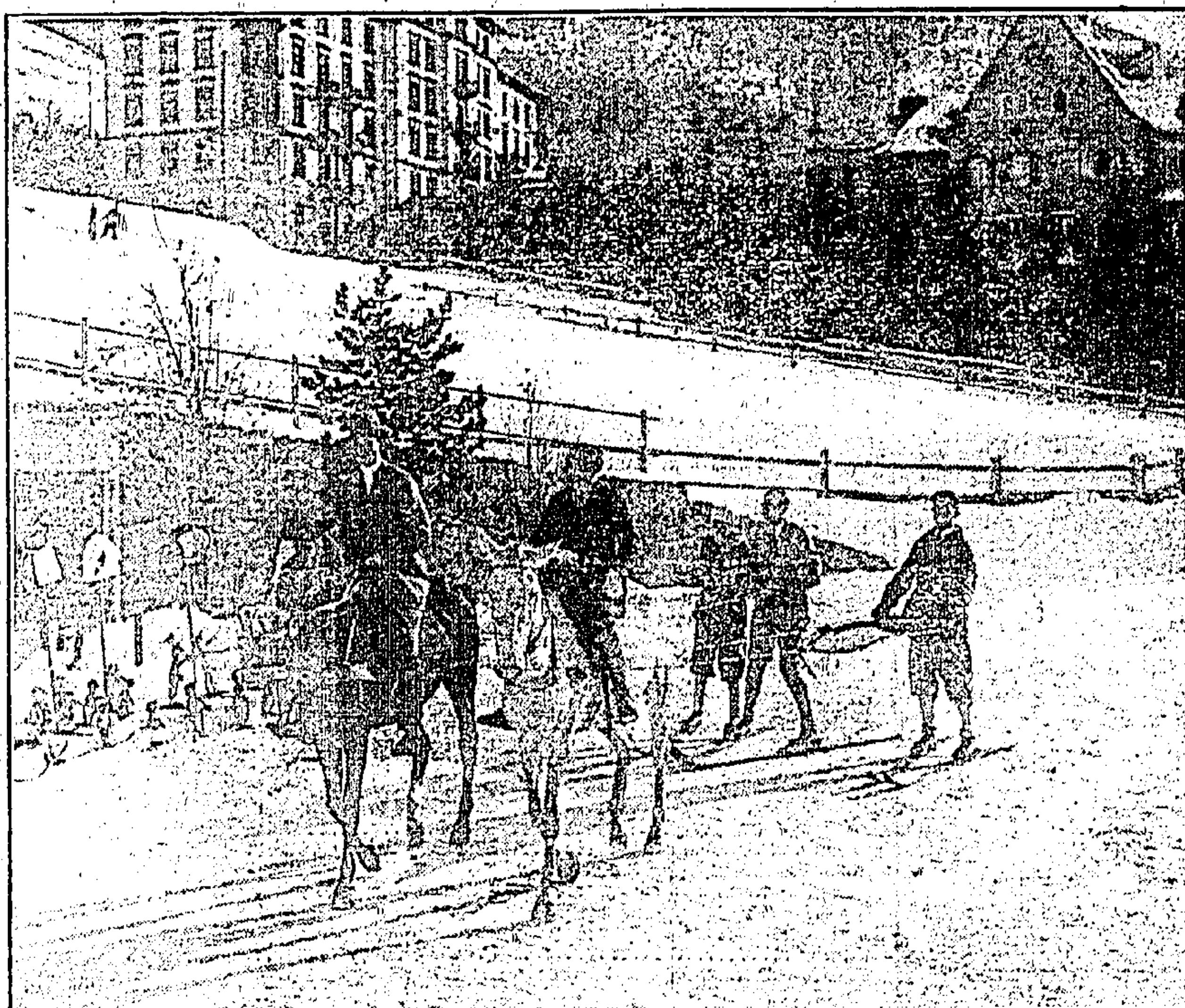
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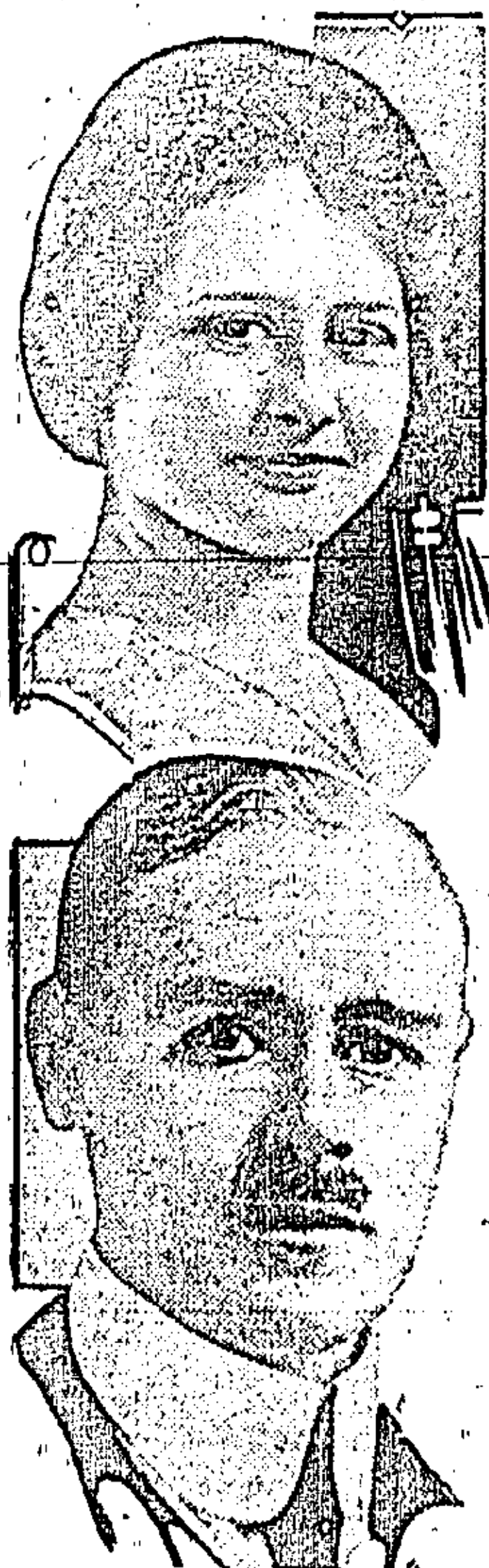
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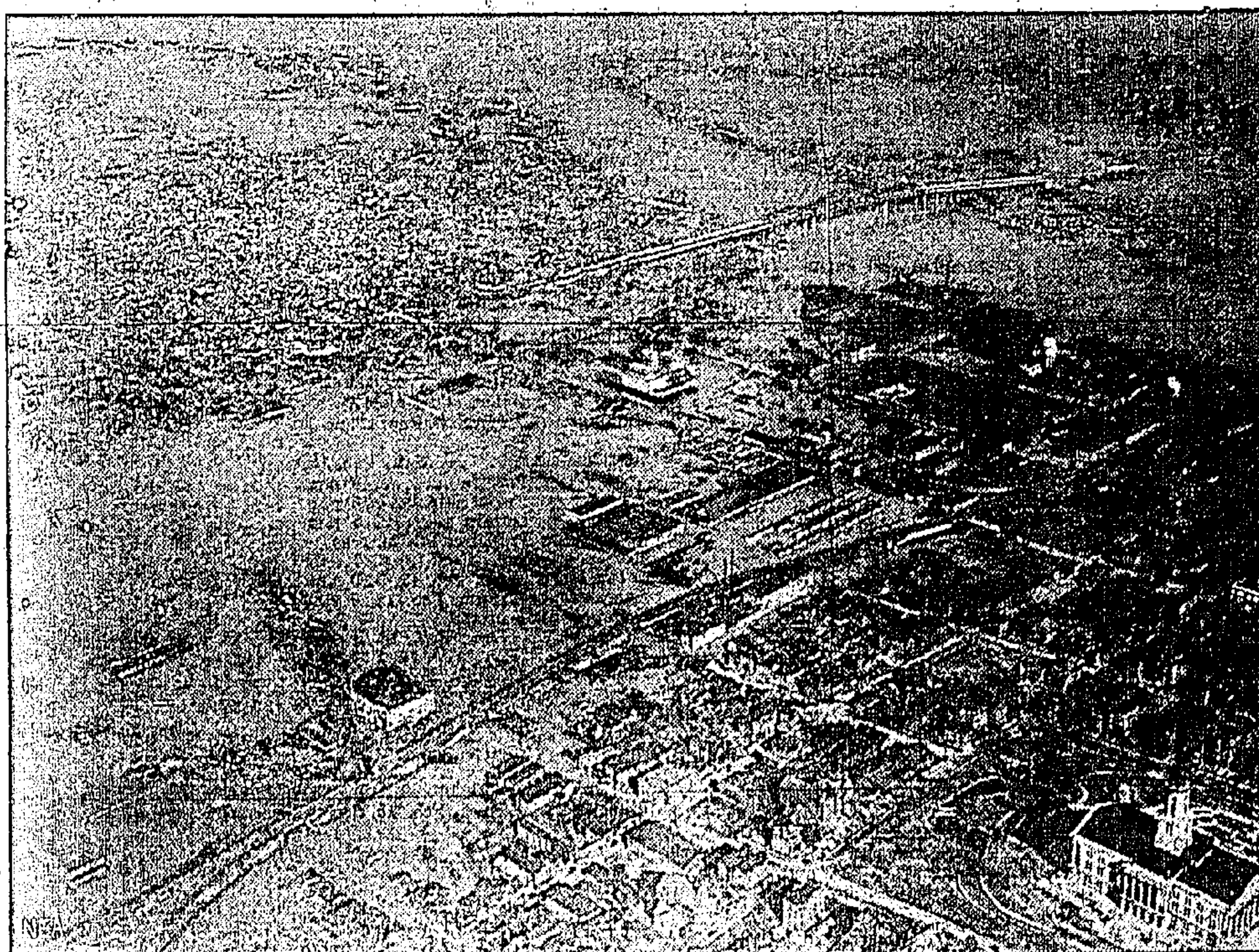
IN PLAYFUL MOOD.—The tiger cub from the Central Provinces, India, recently presented to the London Zoological Gardens by Mr. W. H. Shobbert, having a friendly bout with its keeper. (Times copyright).



WINTER SPORTS IN SWITZERLAND.—A winter sports photograph just received from Switzerland showing a party of visitors setting off on a ski-joring run at Pontresina, the well-known resort in the Upper Engadine. (Times copyright).



SUES FOR DIVORCE.—Francis Burton Harrison, former governor general of the Philippines, has been used for divorce by Mrs. Elizabeth Wrenmore Harrison in Paris. Here are recent pictures of the two.



FLOODED CITY.—Here is the plight of Nashville, Tennessee at the peak of its inundation as seen from the air—in one of the most remarkable flood pictures ever printed. Great residence, commercial and industrial areas of the state's capital city were submerged as if by a tidal wave when days of torrential rains sent the Cumberland river on an unparalleled rampage. Districts of the city between which lowlands intervened were accessible only by boat. The huge bridge over the Cumberland, at the upper right of the picture, stood out above the flood, but the ends of its approaches were under water.

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Macao, 7th February, 1927.

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NOTICE is hereby given that

the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of

the Shareholders in this Corpora-

tion will be held at City Hall,

Hongkong, on Saturday, the 26th

February, 1927, at noon, for the

purpose of receiving the Report of

the Court of Directors together

with a statement of accounts for

the year ending 31st December,

1926.

The Register of Shares of the

Corporation will be CLOSED from

Monday, the 14th February to

Saturday, the 27th February, 1927,

(both days inclusive) during

which period no transfer of share

can be registered.

By Order

of the Court of Directors.

A. H. BARLOW,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 7th February, 1927.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND

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of the Company, No. 4a, Des Voeux

Road, on TUESDAY, 22nd FEBRU-

ARY, 1927, at Noon for the pur-

pose of receiving a report of the

Directors, together with a State-

ment of Accounts, and electing

Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the

Company will be closed from

WEDNESDAY, 9th FEBRUARY,

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By Order

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JOHN ARNOLD,

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NOTICE is hereby given that

the ANNUAL ORDINARY GEN-

ERAL MEETING OF SHARE-

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be held at the Hongkong Hotel,

Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the

12th February, 1927, at 11 a.m.

for the purpose of receiving the

Report of the Directors together

with a Statement of Accounts for

the year ended 31st December,

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the

Company will be closed from the

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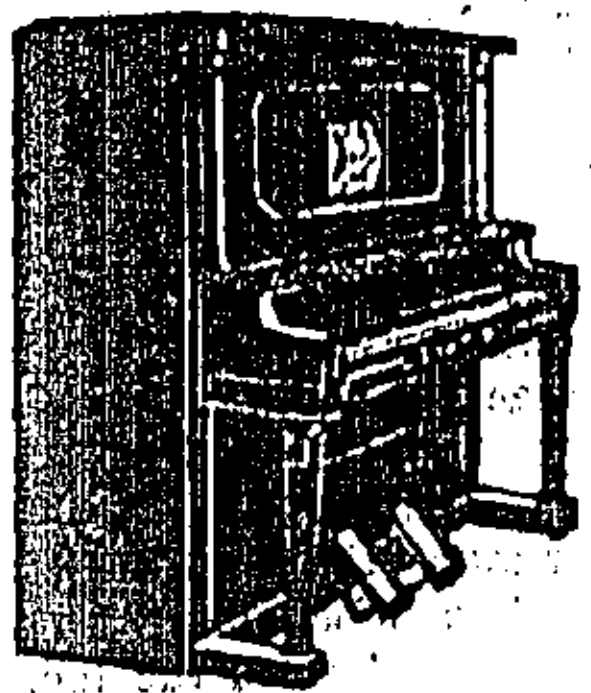
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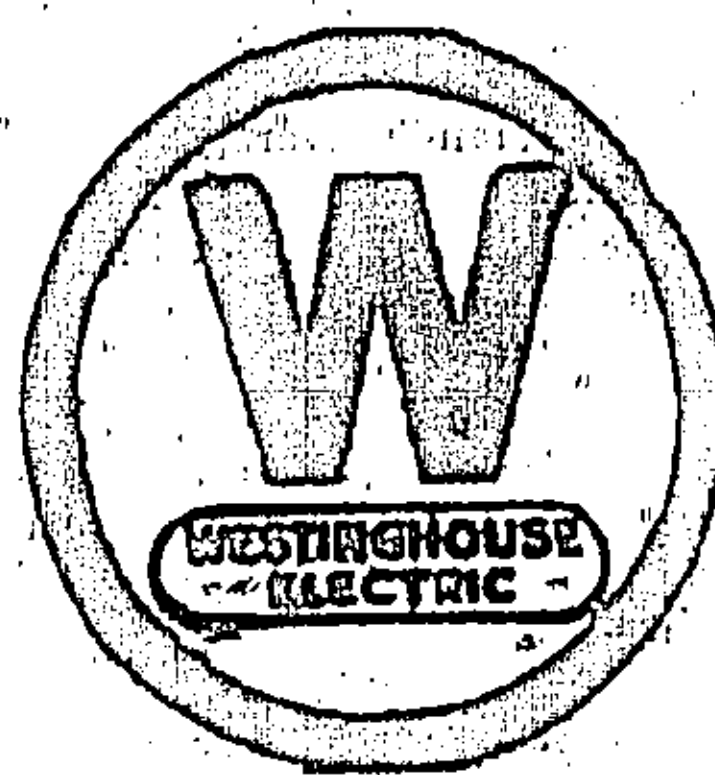
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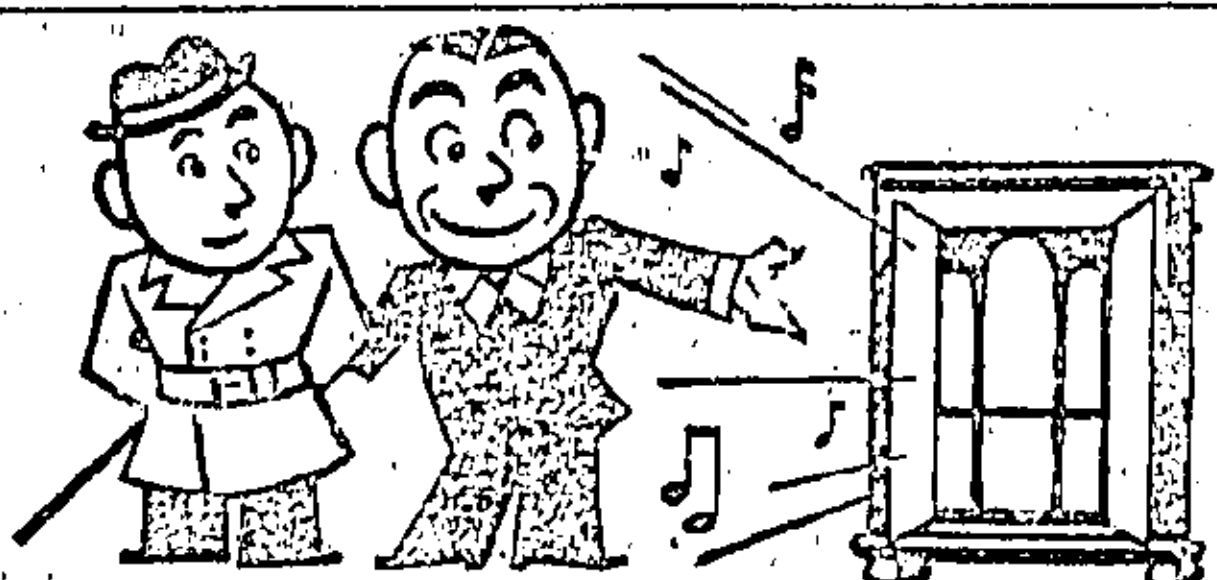
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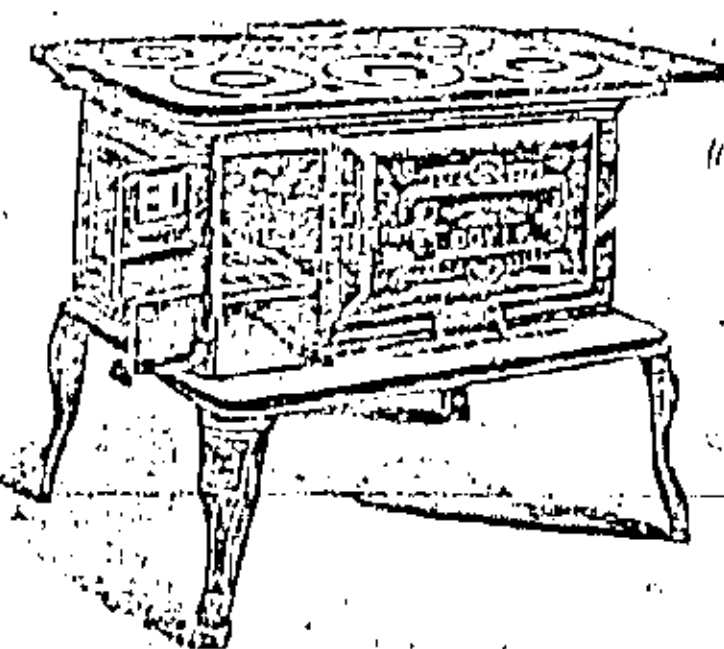
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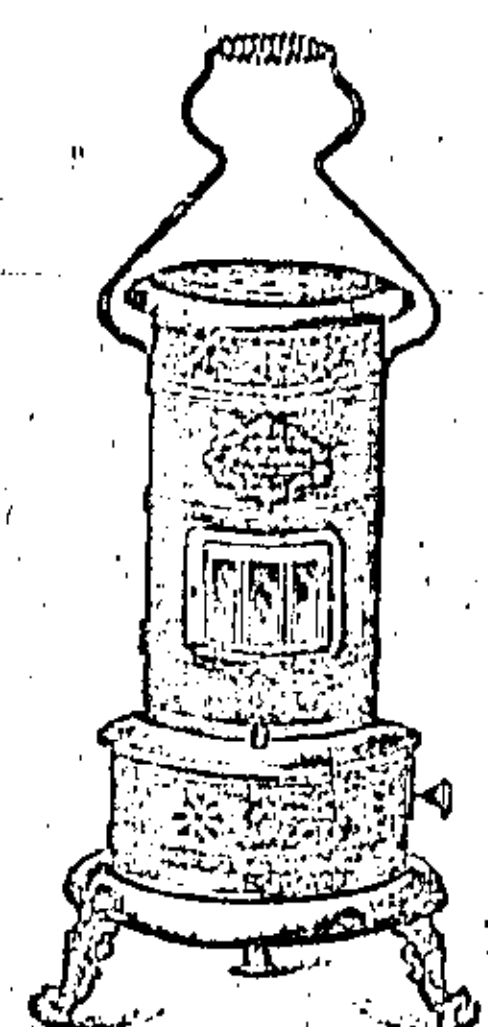
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DEATH.

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The Hongkong Telegraph.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9 1927

RICHES & SOCIALISM.

Arising out of the recent election of Mr. Oswald Mosley as Member of Parliament there has been much controversy at home on the question of whether men of means can, consistently, belong to the Labour Party and, at the same time, retain their private fortunes. Is it not inconsistent with their political beliefs that they should remain wealthy? Such is the nature of the question discussed and it has given rise to some heated expressions of opinion, particularly between the extreme sections of the Conservative and Labour parties, and those who do not belong to either party have been able, in the words of an impartial observer, "to derive some amusement from the controversy raging over the ethical position of rich men in the Labour party." The biblical word picture, that it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven, has been quoted against the rich Pensonby's and Mosley's of the Labour Party, who, it is argued, have weakened their position by not daring to deny that the Labour party is the Kingdom of Heaven, but the Conservatives have been no less astray in assuming that the Labour party is an Underworld which no rich man would enter unless he were a fool. But, to give attention to the serious side of the argument, we do not see why members of the Labour Party should be denied the credit of really believing that the system would make the country a happier and better place for the majority of people unless they give all their "wealth to the poor." Such an act is not expected of the members of other parties, who also believe that their policies are best calculated to bring about prosperity and happiness for all. If a rich man holds the view that the programme of the Labour Party will make the country richer, then his intellectual place is with that party. But, unless it is argued that the Labour party has a monopoly of practical

Christianity, why is it more incumbent upon him than on a Conservative, to go and sell all that he has and give it to the poor?

The answer to that has been supplied among others by Mr. F. N. Elundell, a Conservative M.P., who argues that rich members of the community, instead of being with the Labour Party, would be more usefully employed in working with those who are trying to bring about an improvement in the status of their fellow-countrymen by providing greater facilities for acquiring the ownership of land and houses, by profit-sharing and co-partnership and by peace and co-operation in industry. He asserts that the Labour Party is wedded to theories which would destroy the status of those who now possess it without giving any better position to those who do not; that it supports the efforts of those who believe that industrial war will give better results to the community than industrial peace, and that by some unexplained means the destruction of wealth will provide ever more wealth to divide among the destroyers. And the Labour Party's case has been put by Mr. Oswald Mosley in these words:—"Socialism is a political creed which produces constructive and scientific proposals for the progressive remedy of the most mortal of social diseases—namely, poverty. If we seek an analogy to the position of Socialists, it appears that we can rather be compared to doctors who seek a remedy for a certain disease. It is not usual to insist that a doctor should himself suffer from the disease which he seeks to cure before we admit either his competence or his sincerity. Men of means in the Labour Party are neither incompetent nor insincere when they seek to discover a cure for the poverty of others." And there have been columns and columns of similar arguments. Of course, the issue can only be decided by one's own personal opinion.

A Hearty Welcome.

With the arrival here of large forces of men who have been detailed for service in the East, consequent on the unsettled state of affairs in China, Hongkong is becoming into greater prominence as a naval and military station. Already, with the regular Garrison, there are other Battalions of British troops here, with many more to follow, whilst the naval forces have also been very considerably augmented. At the moment, it is not clear how long these various units will remain with us, but, be their stay brief or extended, the Colony will give these men a cordial welcome. In the past, the happiest of relations have existed between the community generally and Service men, and we have no doubt that these traditions will continue to be upheld, for we all know how much we owe to the Army and the Navy. Hongkong will hope that there will be no occasion for these new men to experience war conditions in the East, although knowing full well that, if matters came to that unhappy pass, they would, one and all, give a fine account of themselves. What we are more concerned with at the moment is that the stay of the troops and naval units in this Colony should be made as bright and happy as possible. In the event of the newcomers remaining here for any appreciable length of time, we feel that something, on organised lines, should be done to make their social conditions comfortable and enjoyable. Down in Singapore, a committee has been formed for the special purpose of entertaining the men as they pass through, and it seems to us that if Hongkong is to be the temporary home of the China reinforcements, steps should be taken to see that they are shown some true British hospitality. The matter is one worthy of early attention, and we hope that something tangible will soon be undertaken.

Entries for the Inaugural Race meeting of the International Race and Recreation Club of Macau, Ltd., close at 8 p.m. to-morrow. Entry forms can be had from Messrs. Linstead and Davis.

DAY BY DAY.

LIFE IS CONSTANTLY WEIGHING US IN VERY SENSITIVE SCALES AND TELLING EVERY ONE OF US PRECISELY WHAT HIS REAL WEIGHT IS TO THE LAST GRAIN OF DUST.—Lowell.

Yesterday's health return shows one Chinese case of typhoid fever.

Lady Clementi is to distribute the prizes at the Italian Convent School at 5.30 p.m. to-morrow.

Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Henderson were amongst the passengers who left for Manila by the s.s. President McKinley.

The Empress of Scotland is due here to-morrow on a round-the-world tour from Manila. She has a large number of wealthy tourists on board.

At the Marine Court this morning, the master of a trading junk was fined \$10 for allowing his craft to be under way without exhibiting regulation lights.

The manager of the Orient Tobacco Manufactory writes us to rectify the statement that the Nanyang Brothers Tobacco Co. are the only local manufacturers of tobacco products.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. George William Sinclair, master mariner, residing at No. 521 Nathan Road, Kowloon, to Miss Chan Lai Keng, of the same address.

An American engineer has been engaged from New York for the construction of Whampoa Harbour, the Whampoa Port Development Company announces. The Canton Ministry of Finance will contribute \$100,000 monthly towards the expenditure.

Mr. Abe Akimitsu, the famous Japanese walker, has arrived in Canton from Hongkong on foot. The Japanese pedestrian followed the Canton-Kowloon Railway line pretty closely, covering the distance of approximately ninety miles in exactly 20 hours, says the Canton Gazette.

A Chinese report from Canton states that Wong Kam-yan, the Hongkong butcher who became chief of the Strike Picket Corps in Canton, has entered on an official career, as yesterday he was appointed by the Ministry of Finance as Chief of the Anti-Opium Bureau in Wuchow.

A Musicals will be held at The Helena May Institute on Thursday 17th February at 5.30 p.m. Tickets including Tea 50 cts. each, must be booked at the Secretary's Office before noon on the 17th inst. Items will be given by Mrs. R. Sanger, Mrs. S. S. Perry and Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Bowes Smith.—Adv.

Charged formally, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning, the two remaining Sunning piracy suspects, whose case had to be postponed until their discharge from hospital, were remanded until to-morrow, when Mr. T. H. King, the Director of Criminal Intelligence, will proceed with the case.

William Heughan, the Scottish actor-singer who made such a hit in Hongkong on his two visits here, is being loudly acclaimed by the Press of the United States and Canada. The musical critic of the Chicago Daily Tribune says:—"Heughan has, I honestly believe, the finest bass voice in the world." Mr. Heughan is returning to England in April, for a tour of Great Britain.

Passengers sailing for Home to-day by s.s. Sarpodon include Sir Henry Gollan, Lady Jane Grey, Dr. H.M.E. Schurmann, Captain and Mrs. J. Masson, Mr. R. A. Wadson, Mrs. A. J. Chesterton and the Misses M. G. and L. G. Chesterton, Mrs. R. J. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Farron, Mrs. H. W. Kent, Mrs. Bungay, Mrs. H. M. Kendall, Mrs. J. A. Fredericks, Mrs. W. E. Leckie, and Mrs. L. D. McNicholl.

Demands for better treatment and increase of wages have been recently submitted by the workers employed in the law courts at Canton. The men claim that they are not paid according to the usual scale of salaries for members of the Nationalist Government. The lower ranks receive only \$22.50 a month while the junior employees, attendants, policemen and guards get only \$8 a month; such a small sum is not sufficient to meet the high cost of living nowadays. The Administrative Committee has referred the matter to the Department of Justice for action.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE NANYANG BROTHERS TOBACCO CO., LTD.

[To the Editor of the Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—We have been requested by our clients the Nanyang Brothers Tobacco Co., Ltd., to make the following statement on their behalf in view of the various conflicting rumours which have been circulated and the reports that have during the last few days appeared in the local Press in reference to their decision to close down their factories in this Colony for the time being.

The Company desire it to be clearly understood that their decision has in no way any relation to the political situation and that neither the Head Office in Shanghai nor the local Board of Directors have been in touch or approached by any political party or organisation.

The Company, secondly, desire it to be known that there has not been any trouble or difficulty in the relations between themselves and their workmen whether of the skilled or unskilled class nor with any of the administrative staff. The suggestion, therefore, that the threat of a strike on the one hand or a lock-out on the other has in any way conducted to the closing of the works in entirely unfounded and on the date of the closing of their works the Company and their employees were on the best of terms.

The free schools maintained by the Company in this Colony for the benefit of the children of their employees are being continued and the workmen who were housed in the Company's dwellings have been allowed to remain.

We are asked, however, to state that the main reasons for the decision to close down the works temporarily are, primarily, the desire to effect a complete overhaul and where necessary a replacement of the factory machinery and equipment and at the same time to reorganise the administration. New premises have been recently added to the factory and warehouse accommodation.

Certain questions are outstanding with the Revenue authorities in regard to the basis on which tobacco duties should be assessed and which arise principally from the Company's peculiar position as manufacturers of cigarettes within the Colony and not as importers of cigarettes. The Company will avail themselves of the temporary suspension of their manufacturing activities in this Colony to discuss these questions thoroughly with the Hongkong Government.

In conclusion we are instructed to state that any report hitherto purporting to be made on behalf of the Company has been wholly unauthorised and that this is the only official statement issued by the Company. We are, Yours, faithfully,

Geo. K. Hall Brutton & Co.
Solicitors for the Nanyang Brothers Tobacco Co. Ltd.
Hongkong, February 8, 1927.

POISONED FOKIS.

ALL OUT OF DANGER.

With regard to the case of the five foks of a shop in Graham Street, who were removed yesterday morning to the Government Civil Hospital after eating a meal, which is presumed to have contained poisonous substances, enquiries this morning showed that one of the victims was discharged from the hospital soon after admission, while the other four "are doing nicely."

One or two platters of meat, including a course of chicken, have been taken to the Government Analyst, and his report as to the exact nature of the poisoning will be made known later.

GOLD BARS.

DUTCH SHIPMENT FOR AMERICA.

New York, Feb. 8. The American Exchange Irving Trust Company has completed arrangements for the shipment of \$400,000 worth of gold bars from Holland, this being the first shipment of gold from Holland to America for ten years.—*Reuter's American Service.*

TO-DAY

Dollar on demand 2/13/16
Lighting-out 6.15 p.m.

The Very Idea!

A little boy, a Jew, stood in the middle of the road and cried as if his heart would break. A large crowd gathered round the mournful wail and endeavoured to learn the cause of his woe.

When the crowd had reached an almost uncontrollable number the boy took his hands from his eyes. "What's the matter, sonny?" asked a member of the crowd.

"Boo-hoo," cried the lad, "won't somebody take me to Izzy Jacobstein's clothing stores? There is a big sale—men's suits, overcoats, and ties. Everything at reasonable prices."

Great Caesar drove his ample roads

Through England's spinal marrow.

Since when our Anglo-Saxon modes

Made sinuous tracks and narrow;

Anon the snorting iron horse

Demanded wider tracks.

And tree and hedge that barred its course

Have felt the fatal axe.

Here woodmen blaze the grey-green bole

Of many a massy beech,

While fern and moss and rabbit hole

Fall from the widening breach;

Where late the bryony chaplets twined

Lie iron network dumps.

The concrete highway shall be lined

With yellow petrol pumps.

Time flies, and men in their efforts to catch up, constantly must be on the watch for new devices. In Cleveland, the telephone operators had been repeating the number after the person calling had given it. This repetition has been dropped, resulting in a saving of one to three seconds on every call that comes through the exchange. When you figure that Cleveland's average calls per day are 930,000, you begin to realize how important a thing the second is.

Clerk at Walsstone: Do you plead guilty? Defendant: More or less. The clerk: You had better make it "less," and plead not guilty.

Mr. Scanlan, Lambeth magistrate: There has to be a lot of give and take in this world between married people.

The greatest gift we can make to our country is that of personal service.—Mrs. Baldwin.

I think the worst cricketer is generally the most enthusiastic player.—Sir Rowland Blades (Lord Mayor of London.)

There is not great reason to fear that the growth of the trust movement will lead to any general increase in prices.—Mr. Philip Snowden.

A curiosity in wills is mentioned in the *Aberdeen University Review*. It is stated that Mrs. Harrower has left a bequest of £1,000 for a stained glass window in King's College Chapel. "The window," it is added, "is to be called the Harrower window, and is to be in memory of my husband's (Professor John Harrower) long period of service in Aberdeen University." But Professor Harrower is still alive, and still Professor of Greek at the University, as he has been since 1886.

The examination question at the school had been—"Write down briefly what you know about Caesar and Pompey."

One boy's answer began—"Caesar and Pompey were very much alike, especially Pompey."

The young man could only find a seat next to a fishwife in a railway carriage, and expressed his disgust by many disdainful glances. At length she remarked, "Ah! bet ye, ma mannie, you an' me's baith thinkin' the same thing."

"What is that, woman?" "You are wishin' ye were sittin' next a gentleman."

"I am, indeed."

"So am Ah," replied the fishwife.

OBITUARY.

MR. W. A. LAVENDER.

Singapore, Feb. 8. The death occurred to-day of Mr. W. A. Lavender, Assistant Engineer of the P. W. D. who was shot by an unknown assailant at Malacca on January 31.—*Reuter.*

MORO REBEL.**DATU TAHIL STILL UNCAPTURED.****A DIFFICULT SITUATION.**

Charges of sedition, resistance of authority and public disturbance will be filed in the Court of Jolo against Datu Tahil, according to the constabulary headquarters at Manila. A telegram from Colonel Stevens of the constabulary, received at the office of the Governor General, states that the whereabouts of Datu Tahil have not been learned, but that they hope to effect his capture immediately. Princess Tarhata, wife of Datu Tahil and daughter of the Sultan, is also missing.

NEGOTIATIONS FAIL.

The message from Colonel Stevens confirmed reports previously received concerning the bombardment of the Datu's cotta at Tanum, near Jolo, on Sunday week. All efforts, he said, failed to effect a peaceful settlement. A conference was held between Governor Moore and leading Moro chiefs at which it was decided to make an immediate attempt to serve a warrant for alleged sedition on Datu Tahil.

This resulted in an engagement between the constabulary and the revolting Moro's followers. Thirty-five of the Moros were killed but the constabulary suffered no casualties. Datu Tahil escaped at the beginning of the engagement and has not been seen since. It is supposed that Princess Tarhata is with her husband.

FOLLOWERS FREE.

Brigadier General Charles F. Nathorst, chief of the constabulary, said that the followers of Datu Tahil will be freed from criminal responsibility if they surrender to the authorities within a reasonable time.

Datu Tahil, General Nathorst said, is to blame for the death of 35 Moros and wounding of several others. His followers did not have any criminal intent, but through false promise for exemption from land taxes, were induced to rise against the authorities.

PURSUIT MAY BE DROPPED.

General Nathorst believed that the whereabouts of Datu Tahil is already known to the constabulary but that no further attempt has been made to pursue him. A telegram received at Malacanang, however, from Carl M. Moore, Governor at Sulu, reads: "Nothing new to report, Tahil still at large and whereabouts not definitely known."

The following telegram was also received at Malacanang from Senator Hadji Butu:

"Governor General Wood, Manila. I tried advise Datu Tahil as you requested but he would not listen. Sultan came Jolo Sunday but could not talk to Tahil. My people told me Tahil forcing many people join them so I advised governor take action at once to prevent big trouble because big trouble many good people will be sorry all over province if this Datu not stopped.—HADJI BUTU."

DELICATE SITUATION.

A special dispatch received by the Manila Bulletin on Thursday last from Zamboanga said the situation in the vicinity of the cotta of Datu Tahil, is extremely delicate. Datu Tahil escaped at the beginning of the engagement and his whereabouts have not been known since to the constabulary.

It is understood that Jamalul Kiram, Sultan of Sulu, has refused to co-operate with provincial and constabulary authorities in Jolo in the drive to find the missing Tahil. However, the sultan is said to have expressed confidence that peace will be maintained.

Public opinion among the Moros against Datu Tahil and his followers is growing stronger because of the cowardice shown in the engagement. Some criticism also has been made against the way in which the constabulary conducted the attack. The constabulary approached the cotta from one side, it is understood, instead of surrounding it or attacking from diagonal corners to prevent the escape of Datu Tahil and Princess Tarhata.

THE ATTACK.

When the constabulary advanced on the cotta, some Moros, brandishing a spear in one hand and a kris in the other, attacked them. These were shot down before they reached the constabulary line or could do any damage. Twenty-nine men and six women were killed. The dispatch said that the women were undistinguishable from the men as they were all dressed alike. A large number of followers, with fire-arms and ammunition escaped with their leader.

MERRY MUDFORD.**THE SECOND DAY'S CAMPAIGN.****SOCIALISTS ACTIVE.**

Stunt campaigning continues at "Mudford," the rooms of the Y.M.C.A. becoming more and more picturesquely decorated with the passing of the hours.

All three factions held lively meetings last night, discussing the issues more or less seriously. In the opinion of the other parties, the Progressive platform is gradually giving way under their feet, despite the introduction of a most benevolent gentleman, who has such a sentimental interest in the garden city by the sea that he is prepared to put his money down, to witness its conversion into Brighton's rival on the coast.

The bitter fight is being waged without any relaxation of effort as will be seen by the following communications:

PROGRESSIVE PARTY.

(From Our Own Correspondent, Mudford.)

The Progressives held their meeting as announced and their supporters, both of them, were all present.

Mr. Sewell spoke like an A. S. M. Hutchinson book for ten minutes. "Workers, workers, workers," he said, "We are on your side, on your side we are, we are, believe me, yes, believe me, we are, we are, we are. We are out to put money, yes, to put money, into your pockets, into your very own pockets. Do you want money put into your pockets?" (Echo answered "Yes"). "Then vote Progressive, and let us do your progression for you, or your behalf, in your stead."

Mr. McArthur, when the riot subsided, made his voice heard now and again, and apparently he was in full agreement with his brother candidate.

Other speakers urged the Progressive supporters, which by the way had increased to three, to get amongst the malcontents and bend them to their strong wills. Another meeting is to be held this evening, when more will be said about the benevolent gentleman.

MODERATE PARTY.

(From Our Own Correspondent, Mudford.)

Moderation in all things was the party's slogan yesterday, and a late wanderer into the gathering was fully convinced of the applicability of the appeal.

Cold calculated facts were put before the large audience at last night's meeting, and even the Socialists left satisfied that the Progressives had been weighed in the balance and gathered no moss. The Party were pleased to note that Moscow was denounced from the Socialistic chair later in the evening, but there still exists that doubt about the status of the Labourites which will not permit of any association with their ideas.

Lost, stolen or strayed, a sense of humour. Believed to have come into violent contact with a megaphone, and may have been drowned. Mr. Keates, the owner, is very anxious as to its whereabouts, dead or alive.

SOCIALIST PARTY.

(From Our Own Correspondent, Mudford.)

Amid large crowds of hostile and friendly supporters the Socialists took the floor of the Lounge (It has now been safely returned.—Ed.) last evening at 9.15 p.m.

Comrade Bolas repeated his success of Monday night, but was hampered by the partial loss of his voice. If anyone has found same, it should be returned forthwith to the Socialist Committee Rooms, Y.M.C.A. He commented on the fact that there was an increase of Red favours among the audience, and that they would continue to increase during the week until the Socialists were returned with an overwhelming majority. He said that each of the Candidates would put forward one point in the Progressive policy, and shew how it could not affect the worker as it stood, and each candidate would endeavour to point out how the Socialists were constructive in their ideas, and had the feelings of the masses at heart.

The Socialists had an alternative proposal to give concerning the M.O.H., which was the appointment of a lady doctor, well qualified, at a more reasonable salary than \$2,000 per year.

SEARCH FOR WORK.**FILIPINO CHARGED WITH VAGRANCY.**

A story of a fruitless search for employment which took him to four different ports, eventually landing him in Hongkong, a destitute without money or friends, was told by Benito de Guzman, a young Filipino, who appeared before Mr. R. E. Schofield this morning on a charge of vagrancy.

Sergeant Elston stated that a passage back to his home in Manila had been promised the defendant by the American Consul, but during the past few days, the defendant had been sleeping at the Canton Steamboat Wharf. He gave himself up to the police, and made a statement to the effect that he was for some time a student at St. Paul's College. Leaving that institution before his studies had been completed, he went in search of work, and his quest took him to Macao, Singapore, and Manila, eventually returning to Hongkong where he got along as best as he could until his meagre store of money petted out. Then he slept in the streets. It had been cold these last few nights, and he thought the best course was to give himself up to the police.

Defendant was sent to the House of Detention, until a passage could be arranged for his return to Manila.

ASTOR HOUSE BUILDING.**ALTERATIONS BEING CARRIED OUT.**

Workmen are now engaged in reconditioning the Astor House property, recently acquired by the Ho Hong Bank interests, in pursuance of a decision not to engage in any extensive building scheme for the present.

It has been found advisable to remove the topmost storey of the building, and to construct a new concrete roof, whilst not carrying out any other alterations to the main features of the building.

It is understood that negotiations are proceeding for the use of the building for an hotel business, but the Ho Hong Bank will continue to occupy that portion of the main floor in which it is now carrying on business, in any event.

PRESIDENT BOATS PLIGHT.**RUNS SHORT OF FUEL.**

Halifax, Feb. 8.

The United States' liner President Harding has been brought in by three tugs, her fuel supply exhausted, owing to leaking oil tanks. The tugs picked up the liner helpless when 20 miles out. The crew were then chopping up the hatch combines to provide fuel to cook food for shivering passengers.—*Reuter's American Service.*

PORTUGUESE REVOLT.**BRITISH WARSHIPS MOVE.**

Gibraltar, Feb. 8.

The cruiser Comus has left for Lisbon and the destroyers Windsor and Westminster for Oporto, to protect British interests.—*Reuter.*

Comrade Munn, who at times was howled down by the less responsible members of the audience shewed that the pier as suggested by the Progressives was a waste, and what was wanted was a pier whose main object was utility, and not showy extravagance.

Comrade Joe, in a witty speech advocated that Mudford should have, not a useless Pump House, but a brewery! Not a Pump, but a Pub! The Pump House was for the idle rich only, and could not in any way benefit the workers. At question time, Comrade Sands was asked pertinent questions relative to the Socialist Policy, and though some might think that the Socialists were destructive, he tried to show that they were in reality, essentially constructive. The Party had been maligned by some persons unknown in that they had been called 100% red. This was not so, red is the colour of the party, and does not reflect in any way the pernicious doctrines of the Third International.

Comrades—To-night at 9 p.m. we will again address our loyal supporters. Roll up and sport your colour!

The last of literature's "great loves" has now been transferred to the Screen. "Romeo and Juliet," "Heloise and Abelard," "Paolo and Francesca," "Napoleon and Josephine" have all been filmed. Now comes "La Boheme," the love-story of Mimi and Rodolphe immortalised already in the Opera.

The two principal roles are played by Lillian Gish, the first lady in Filmland and John Gilbert, who starred in "The Merry Widow" and "The Big Parade."

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THE KING'S SPEECH.

BRITISH POLICY TOWARD CHINA.

London, Feb. 8.

In an historic state coach drawn by eight horses ridden by postillions in state uniform, the King and Queen drove this morning from Buckingham Palace to the House of Lords where the King opened the new session of Parliament. Despite cold weather large crowds lined the route which was held by detachments of the Guards Regiments. The Royal carriage was as usual guarded by mounted equestrians, Yeomen of Guard and the Sovereigns' Escort of Household Cavalry.

A salute of forty-one guns was fired when the King reached the House of Parliament. Having assumed his Royal robes the King proceeded to the Throne in the House of Lords.—*British Wireless.*

The Royal Speech.

In his speech from the Throne the King said: "My relations with foreign powers continue friendly. The League of Nations has been strengthened and a further step has been taken towards the restoration of formal international relations in Europe by the entry of Germany into the League and her appointment to a permanent seat in the Council. In continuation of this policy it was found possible at the end of last month to terminate the stay of the Allied Military Control in Germany as set up by the Treaty of Versailles and to hand over to the League all questions affecting the military clauses of the treaty."

Trouble in China.

The continuation of civil war in China and of the anti-foreign, and particularly anti-British, agitation by which it has been accompanied have caused me grave anxiety. In consequence of what has happened at Hankow and in other places my Government have felt it necessary to despatch to the Far East a sufficient force to protect the lives of my British and Indian subjects against mob violence and armed attack. But I earnestly desire a peaceful settlement of the difficulties which have arisen and my Government have caused proposals to be made to the Chinese authorities which should convince public opinion in China and throughout the world that it is the desire of the British people to remove all real grievances and to renew our relations on a suitable basis, and to place our future relations with Chinese people on a footing of friendship and goodwill. My Government will maintain our traditional policy of non-interference in the internal affairs of China.

I rejoice that a fair and friendly settlement has been reached regarding the funding of the war debt due this country by Portugal.

Domestic Affairs.

I am happy to note the encouraging signs of improvement in the state of trade and industry, and earnestly pray that those engaged in various industries in the country will use their utmost endeavours to ensure improvement in the volume of employment among my people, which may now be reasonably anticipated will not be arrested by industrial strife. "Proposals will be made at an early date to enable effect to be given to the changes in style and title of the Sovereign to which, on the recommendation of the Imperial Conference, I have given my approval. At the same time you will be invited to make consequential alterations in the title of Parliament."

"Recent events have made evident the importance of a definite and amending law with reference to industrial disputes. Proposals for this purpose will be laid before you."

The speech concludes enumerating other measures to be submitted including a Bill to encourage the production and exhibition of British films, proposals to amend the law relating to leasehold premises, a Bill in connection with agriculture, a measure dealing with insurance against unemployment, proposals to amend the Companies Acts, also the re-organisation of certain departments in Scotland.—*Reuter.*

AFGHAN MINISTER.

ACCOMPANIES PRINCESS TO PARIS.

Paris, Feb. 8.

Sirdar Ala Mahmud Tarzi, former Plenipotentiary Minister to Paris, accompanied by the Sultana Djas, a royal Afghan princess, has arrived in Paris. They were saluted by a representative of the French Foreign Office. The princess is coming to see her brother who is studying in the Paris Lyceum.

Mahmud Tarzi declared to the *Petit Parisien* that he would have the pleasure of seeing M. Briand during his stay.—*Havas.*

ST. ANDREWS CHURCH.

ANNUAL MEETING LAST EVENING.

The Annual Church Meeting of St. Andrews, Kowloon, was held in the Church Rooms last evening, being preceded by tea with the Revd. and Mrs. Lindsay acting as host and hostess.

There was a full attendance and after a period of social intercourse, followed by a musical interlude, the business proper commenced, opening with a hymn and prayer.

The minutes of the last general meeting having been read, the treasurer presented his report which was as follows:

I have much pleasure in presenting the Statement of Accounts for the year ending December 31st, 1926.

Thanks to the generosity of the late Sir Paul Chater the endowments place the Church on a sound financial basis, but at the same time are not sufficient to relieve us of the privilege and duty of contributing towards the upkeep of the Church. That the responsibility is realised by the members of the Church is shown by the splendid response to the Thanks-offering appeal last Sunday, when in spite of the unsettled conditions now prevailing, and the fact that we had a credit balance on last year's working, the magnificent sum of over \$1,000 was given in free will offerings.

An Explanation.

There are perhaps one or two items in the account which may require a little explanation.

A sum of \$3,052 is shown under the heading of travelling expenses; the major portion of this sum was expended in connection with the return to England of the Rev. G. E. Arrowsmith and family, and we shall have a similar liability this year owing to the Vicar's departure about the end of April.

Under the head of Building Maintenance is shown an expenditure of \$258, of which \$750 was expended in carrying out very necessary improvements to the sanitary arrangements at the Vicarage.

It is gratifying to note that we are able to devote the sum of nearly \$1,700, to Missions work and Charitable institutions. This is a marked increase on previous years, and it is hoped to further increase the expenditure in this direction during the present year.

In conclusion, I should like to express my appreciation of the services of Mr. T. A. Martin, A.C.A. who kindly undertook the work of auditing the accounts, a task of no small magnitude when it is said that our expenditure amounted to nearly \$30,000 paid out in many cases in very small sums.

In congratulating the Treasurer on his report, the Revd. G. R. Lindsay drew attention to the pleasing fact that expenditure in the way of electric light, etc., showed decreases, while charitable grants were greatly increased.

Vestrymen Elected.

The election of vestrymen resulted in the formal return of the

Rev. Mr. Rogers in place of the Revd. G. E. Arrowsmith, and Mr. Stapleton, unanimously adopted. Vicar's Warden, Mr. Hunt, Peoples Warden, Mr. C. C. Mitchell, Sidesmen, as at present, with additions according to circumstances, dependent on change in the personnel of the congregation. Mr. T. A. Martin was elected as Hon. Auditor in place of Sir Paul Chater deceased.

Mrs. Hunt reporting on the work of the Mothers' Union, gave a resume of the year's progress and dwelt upon the high ideals of the organisation, which has over 400,000 members throughout the world. Beginning last year on January 12, there are now 49 members in the local branch with every prospect of further vitalising increases.

Lectures on matters of interest to members were given by authorities on their respective subjects and informal discussions on many topics were also held.

Mr. Mitchell spoke on the work of the Sunday Schools, which showed that attendance and interest was increasing. In both departments this was evident and the Cradle Roll had reached high figures.

Miss Robinson dealt with the Scripture Union, the attendance of which also showed appreciable increases, the year's work having been particularly satisfying.

Young Men's Club.

Mr. Baldwin for the Young Men's Club, said that attendance had fallen off somewhat towards the end of the year, but all functions of the Club had been well supported. Picnics had resulted in a loss, but a certain amount of this had been recovered by Social Evenings, for which a small charge was made. The football field, shared with the Club de Recreo had proved a great boon and the Club's team had up to the present been unbeaten.

The Revd. G. R. Lindsay referred to the excellent work of the Choir, to whom St. Andrews owed a great debt. Under Mr. Baldwin the choristers had greatly helped the services.

Mrs. Welch spoke by proxy through the Revd. G. R. Lindsay, on the development of the Cub and Boy Scout movement which was even more successful than during previous year. Mr. Jackson, unable to be present through sickness, had accomplished great work among his Young Scout charges with results highly creditable to the Church.

The Young Women's Bible Class report was read by Mr. Sands. This also was satisfactory.

Mrs. Hunt again spoke, this time on the newly founded Young Peoples Services. These had been well attended and the field showed great possibilities for the development of Church communal spirit. It was in fact a service which filled a decided want.

Concluding the meeting, the Revd. G. R. Lindsay spoke in eulogistic terms of the good work that had been carried out by the various bodies since his arrival in the Colony. St. Andrews was progressing all the time, had always progressed solely through the efforts of these workers. He made an appeal for optimism in the present state of Christianity in China, the Church having passed through much worse times. The meeting closed with the Benediction.



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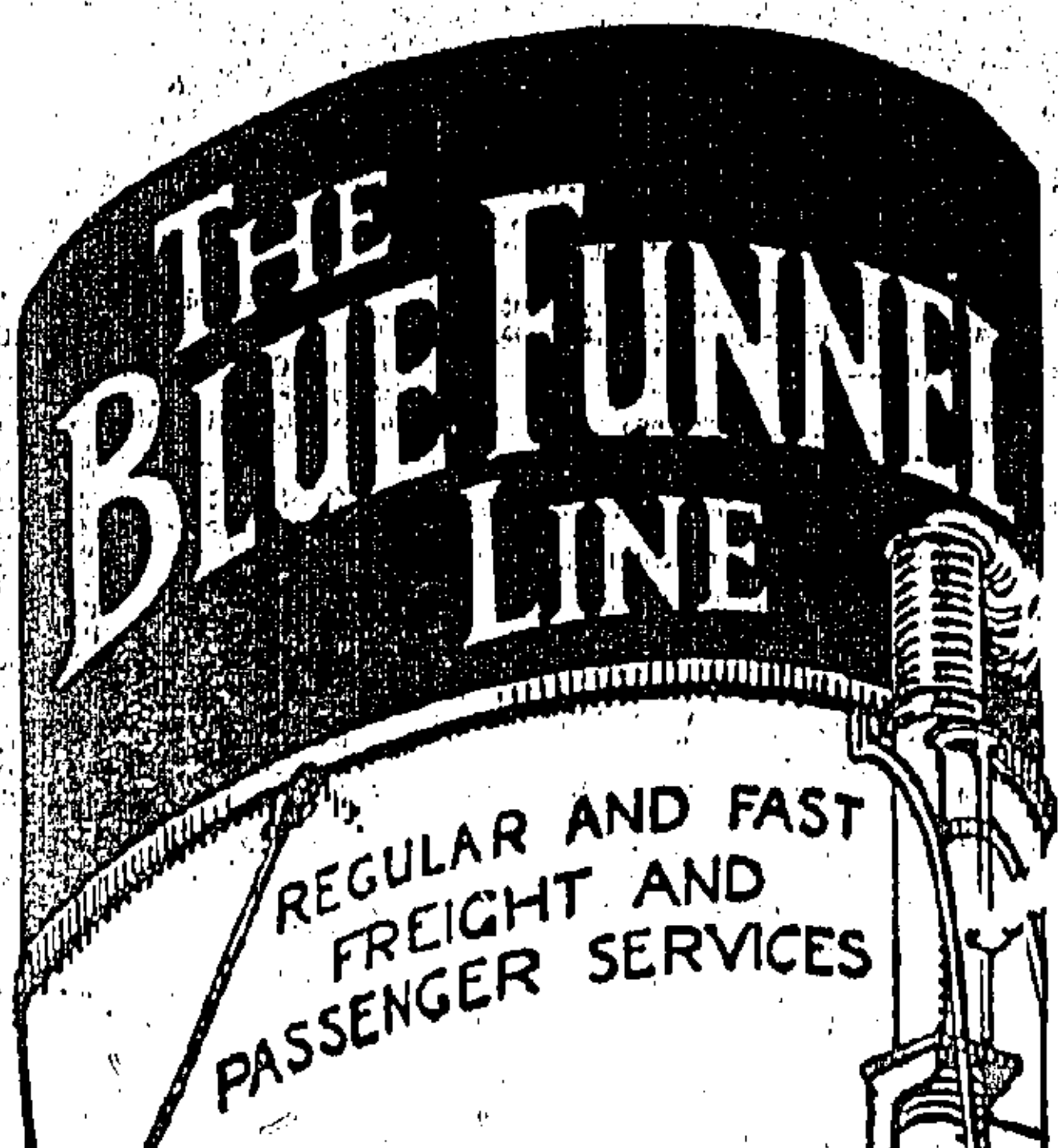
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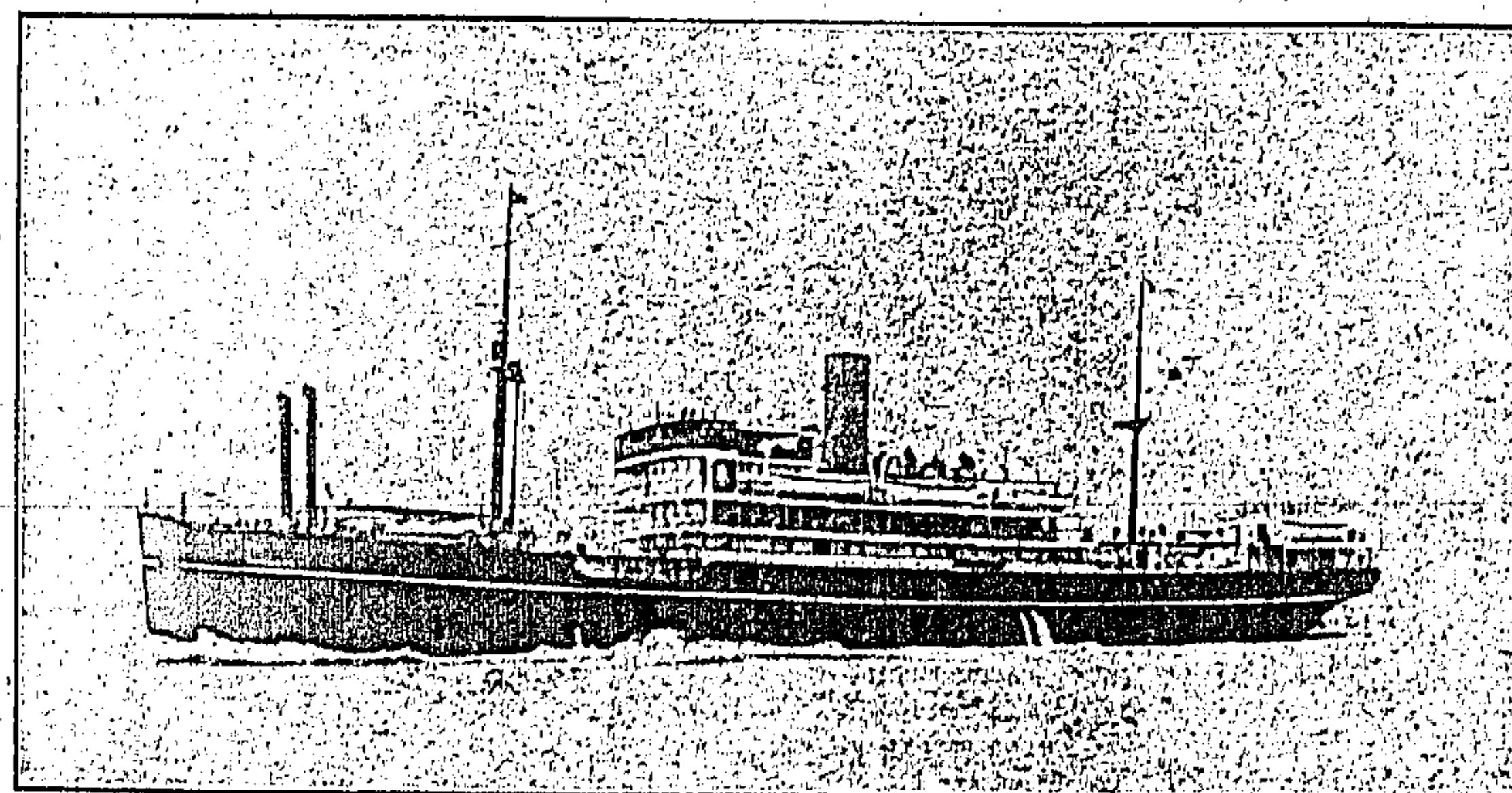
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Mr. M.K. Lo appeared for the Equitable Eastern Banking Corporation and Mr. Armstrong, of Messrs. Deacons, represented the Universal Auto Supplies Company, the plaintiffs on the counterclaim.

Amongst the witnesses called for the Bank, was its comrade, Mr. C. Choa, who stated that although the car was pledged on a valuation of \$1,700, he was "shocked" when he inspected the security, which turned out to be only second-hand, but preferring to hold "one bird in the hand rather than two in the bush" he was prepared at the time to take it over, and before driving it to his garage at Robinson Road, had some repairs effected to the tyres, and generally had overhauled it into a workable condition.

Dust Accumulation.

As regards the claim that damage had also been caused by allowing an accumulation of dust to gather over the paint and spoiling it, witness said that the garage was quite an open one, the entrance taking the usual form of a collapsible iron grille. Even though it was exposed to some extent to dust from the road, witness said that this should do no harm to the paint coat of a

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Mr. Armstrong for the Universal Auto Supplies Company, in submitting that it was obligatory on the pledgee of the car to keep the car in proper condition while it remained in his custody, cross-examined witness in regard to the condition of the car when he took it over. Mr. Choa replied that having been put off one day after the other by Mr. Lam, he eventually thought it best to take over the car. Its condition was far from being perfect, but with a little touching up here and there it could be made presentable enough to be introduced into the market as a good seller. "Although it looks rotten at the time," added Mr. Choa.

Mr. Armstrong: There was nothing radically wrong with it? Witness: There was nothing right with it at the time.

Expert Evidence.

Expert evidence was called. Mr. Lauritsen, in reply to questions from Mr. Lo, said that a car could be kept undusted in a garage for six months without deteriorating. As regards the damaged battery which constituted one of the items in the counterclaim it was witness' opinion that the battery was renewable every month.

Mr. Justice Wood stated that on Mr. Lauritsen's evidence no conviction was possible. His Honour said no damage or negligence had been proved, and he found for the plaintiffs, both on the original claim and on the counterclaim, dismissing the latter with costs.

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HAKATA MARU ... Wednesday, 23rd Mar.

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CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

NAGATO MARU ... Wednesday, 9th Feb.
OSAKA MARU ... Friday, 18th Feb.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

TANGO MARU ... Friday, 19th Feb.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

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CANTON	Fooshing	Thurs. 10th Feb at 7 a.m.
TIENTSIN	Cheongshing	Thurs. 10th Feb at 5 p.m.
STRAITS & Calcutta	Kutsang	Fri. 11th Feb at 3 p.m.
BANGKOK	Kwaisang	Satur. 12th Feb at noon.
TSINGTAU Swatow & S'hai Hopsang	Suisang	Sun. 13th Feb at 7 a.m.
STRAITS & Calcutta	Suisang	Tues. 15th Feb at 3 p.m.
OSAKA via Moji & Kobe	Laisang	Wed. 16th Feb at 7 a.m.
TSINGTAU Swatow & S'hai Fooshing	Fooshing	Wed. 16th Feb at 7 a.m.
HAIPHONG	Mingsang	Wed. 16th Feb at 10 a.m.
SANDAKAN	Hingsang	Thurs. 17th Feb at 2 p.m.
OSAKA S'hai, Moji & Kobe	Hosang	Satur. 19th Feb at 7 a.m.
STRAITS & Calcutta	Namsang	Satur. 19th Feb at 3 p.m.
TIENTSIN	Chipsing	Sun. 20th Feb at 7 a.m.
SANDAKAN	Mausang	Tues. 5th Mar at 1 p.m.

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loon, where it will lie at Consignee's
risk and subject to terms and conditions
of storage at Holt's Wharf. The
Cargo will be ready for delivery from
Godown on and after 7th February.
Optional cargo will not be landed
here, unless notice has been given
prior to steamer's arrival, but carried
on from port to port to the final port
of call to which the option extends.
All broken, chafed, and damaged
goods are to be left in the Godowns,
where they will be examined on any
Tuesdays and Fridays between the
hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within
the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after
the Goods have left the steamer's
Godown, and all Goods remaining un-
delivered after the 14th February will
be subject to rent.
All claims against the Steamer
must be presented to the undersigned
on or before the 23rd February or
they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong February 7, 1927.

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formed that all Goods are being
landed at their risk into the Godowns
of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf
and Godown Company, Ltd., at Kow-
loon, whence and/or from the wharves
delivery may be obtained.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded
unless notice to the contrary be given
before 7th instant.

No claims will be admitted after
the Goods have left the Godowns, and
all Goods remaining undelivered after
the 13th inst. will be subject to rent.
All claims against the vessel must
be presented to the undersigned on or
before the 23rd inst. or they will not
be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged
Goods are to be left in the Godowns,
where they will be examined on the
12th inst. at 10 a.m. by our Surveyors
Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned
by.

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Agents.
Hongkong February 7, 1927.

ELLERMAN LINE.

From EUROPE.

The Steamship,

"KNOWSLEY HALL"
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo
by her are informed that all Goods
are being landed at their risk into the
hazardous and/or extra-hazardous
Godowns of Holt's Wharf, whence
Delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after
the Goods have left the Godowns, and
all Goods remaining undelivered
after 14th February, 1927, will be
subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer
must be presented to the Undersigned
on or before 21st February, 1927, or
they will not be recognised.
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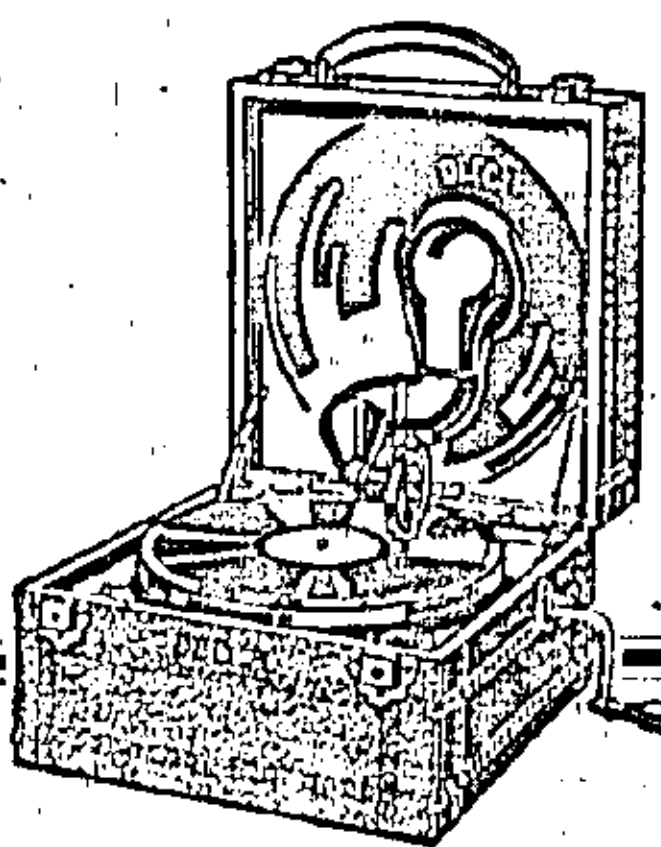
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BRITAIN'S HAND KEPT FREE.

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as regards the situation at Han-
kow, nothing had occurred to
make us alter our determination to
achieve our ends by negotiation.
Mr. O'Malley was at this moment
awaiting a further communication
from Mr. Chen, and possibly, the
Government, by Thursday, would
be able to tell the House some-
thing more in that connection.

HOLDING THE BALANCE.

In emphasising British neutral-
ity in Chinese internal affairs,
the Premier said that the South
would like us to declare that they
are the Government of China when
they hold authority over but a
fraction thereof. It was impos-
sible for us to do that as it was
impossible for us to help the
North in various directions they
would like. Nobody knew when
China would again be united or
what form a united China might
take. To-day's events were no-
thing new in the history of China,
for they were common to every
period of Dynastic breakdown.
It was our earnest desire, from
motives of self-interest if for no
other, that the period should be
shortened to the utmost. In the
meantime, we should do and are
doing what we could by getting on
with the most generous offer to the
North and South by discussing the
object of coming together, in the
hope that when the internal strug-
gles were ended we would enter on
new friendly and propitious rela-
tions with a great and united coun-
try with which in the past we had
been on wholly friendly relations
and relations of service to both
sides—relations which, in view of
our position in Asia and the East,
must play a great and growing
part in the peace and prosperity of
the whole Eastern Hemisphere.—
(Cheers).

LABOUR AMENDMENTS.

The Labour Party lodged two
amendments, namely on the ques-
tion of China and the Trade Union
Bill.

The debate was adjourned.
The Opposition will move its
amendment to the Address to
China on Thursday, when Sir Aus-
ten Chamberlain will make an ex-
haustive statement.

A full debate will follow.

The House of Lords adopted the
Address and will debate China to-
morrow, on the motion of Lord
Parnmore (Labour).—*Reuter*.

OTHER POINTS.

London, Feb. 8.
During the course of the debate,
Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the
Labour Leader, criticised the
paucity of the Government's pro-
gramme, and particularly the
omission to mention Poor Law re-
form, factory legislation or exten-
sions of the franchise. The state-
ment regarding the admission of
Germany into the League of Na-
tions would be accepted with
pleasure on all sides of the House.
Germany's admission was the fruit
of years of patient sowing and wa-
tering, and the whole House would
hope that it would add to the sta-
bility and security of Europe and to
the authority of the League of Na-
tions itself.

In the course of his speech on
China, the Premier said that he
would not speak at length on the
subject, because this would be
debated on Thursday when the
foreign Secretary would make a
full statement. But he pointed out
that one of the difficulties in the
situation was that there were ele-
ments at work in China which de-
sired to push us into fighting.
Those who were in a position of
responsibility could envisage great
possibilities that might occur.
Small populations of foreigners
could be evacuated from a place
like Hankow, but not from Shang-
hai. There were too many people.
China was in a state of civil war
and that was what we had to re-
member when it was suggested
that complete security might be
obtained by assurances. Assur-
ances could be given perfectly
bona fide and intended to be *bona fide*,
but until we were clear that the
opportunity had passed for the
neighbourhood of Shanghai to be
a fighting ground between the
various national forces in China
in their civil war it could not be
said that danger to foreign nationals
had passed at Shanghai. At
Hankow, one of the difficulties had
been that the Nationalist Army
had either lacked the will or the
power or both, to control their
gangs. Much more, might an un-
organised force fail to control
such forces as might be let loose
in a city of the size of Shanghai
and of its wealth, if combinations
of unhappy and evil circumstances
were let loose.

IRISH CINEMA FIRE.

PROSECUTION ABANDONED.

London, Feb. 8.

The State has abandoned the
prosecution of William Ford and
Patrick Downing in connection
with the Drum Colagher cinema
fire. It was stated that the ob-
ject of the prosecution had been
attained by the warning publicly
given through the steps taken.—
Reuter.

[Forty-seven lives were lost in
the cinema fire at Drumcolagher,
in County Limerick. The fire
started in the operator's box, close
to the only exit. The Coroner's
jury found that the fire was caused
by a lighted candle falling on ex-
posed films. The jury found the
operator guilty of negligence in
leaving the films exposed, and held
that there was carelessness on the
part of the promoter in leaving a
lighted candle on the table. Ford
was the owner and Downing the
lessee of the cinema.]

WORLD FLIGHT.

PLANS OF MARQUIS DE PINEDO.

Rome, Feb. 8.

The Marquis De Pinedo is about
to start on another world flight,
via the Atlantic, South America,
Samoa, New Zealand, Australia,
Tokyo, Peking, Calcutta, Arabia,
Italian Somaliland, Durban and
Capetown.—*Reuter*.

COMPANY REPORT.

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK.

The report of the Court of
Directors of the Hongkong and
Shanghai Banking Corporation for
the year ending 31st December, 1926,
states:

The net profits for the year, includ-
ing \$3,307,722.76, balance brought
forward from last account, after
paying all charges, deducting interest
paid and due, and making provision
for bad and doubtful accounts and
contingencies, amount to \$17,568,-
792.24.

The Directors have transferred
\$14,400,000 @ 2/1 = \$1,500,000 from
the Silver Reserve to the Sterling
Reserve and the balance of the
Marine Insurance Account, \$250,000
to the Silver Reserve. They recom-
mend the transfer of \$650,000 from
the Profit and Loss Account to the
Silver Reserve. Including these
transfers the Reserve Funds will
stand as follows:—Sterling Reserve
\$5,000,000 Silver Reserve \$13,500,000.
They also recommend writing off
Bank Premises Account the sum of
\$1,000,000.

After making these transfers,
deducting the Interim Dividend of 23
per share, paid on 9th August last,
viz., \$480,000 @ 2/2 = \$4,286,-
611.68, and remuneration to Directors,
there remains for appropriation
\$11,569,273.61, out of which the
Directors recommend the payment of
a Final Dividend of Three Pounds
Sterling per Share viz., £480,000, and
a Bonus of Two Pounds Sterling per
Share, viz., £200,000, amounting in all
to £680,000 which, at 1/11 1/2, the rate
of the day, will absorb \$2,170,212.77.
The balance \$3,399,060.84 to be
carried to New Profit and Loss
Account.

The sterling equivalents of the
assets and liabilities are shown at
1/11 1/2, the rate ruling on the last day
of the year.

Directors.—The Hon. Mr. D. G. M.
Bernard has been re-elected Chairman
for the year 1927, and Mr. A. H.
Compton has been elected Deputy
Chairman. These appointments re-
quire confirmation at this meeting.
The Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Mr. W. H.
Bell and Mr. H. P. White retire in
rotation, but being eligible for re-
election, offer themselves accordingly.
The Directors very much regret to
have to record the death last May, of
their colleague Mr. P. H. Holyoak.
Auditors.—The Accounts have been
audited by Mr. C. Bernard Brown,
A.C.A. and Mr. John Fleming, C.A., who
offer themselves for re-election.

"We have sent a force which we
have been advised by all our ad-
visers would be necessary to de-
fend our people in the International
Concessions. If danger should
arise of a real struggle to capture
the Concessions and to murder the
inhabitants on the part of a mob
together with troops, whether they
happened to be troops that have
come into Shanghai from beaten
armies or whether they happen to be
troops of a victorious army. Such
force as we are sending to China
had gone there for the purpose
of the protection of life and
for nothing else."

With regard to the North, the
Premier said that it was a diffi-
cult task in a situation like this,
to hold the scales so evenly be-
tween the conflicting parties in a
struggle with which we have nothing
to do and which was exhaus-
tively Chinese, in such a way that
neither party could accuse us at
any time of helping the other.—
British Wireless.

HANKOW PARLEY CONTINUES.

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are making the trip to China
immediately, says the *Manila*
Bulletin.

EUGENE CHEN SPEAKS.

REPLY TO SIR AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN.

Mr. Eugene Chen, Nationalist
Minister of Foreign Affairs, on
Saturday last addressed a meeting
of foreigners and Chinese repre-
sentatives in Hankow, on the pre-
sent situation. Commenting on
Sir Austen Chamberlain's speech
at Birmingham, he said:

"Pronouncements have lately
been made by the British Foreign
Secretary and others 'on the pre-
sent situation in China.' There
is in each, I am afraid, the common
misapprehension of the great
secular principle which through
disarrays and changes of the day
is working out an independent mo-
dern state in China.

BASIC PRINCIPLE.

"It is the principle of freedom,
liberty and independence. In its
internal aspect this principle is
manifested in the Nationalist
Movement against Chinese Feudal-
ism in the double form of the Man-
darinate that misrules at Peking
and of the decaying Militarism
which sustains the bandit-power
of Chang Tso-lin and his fellow
free-booters. Externally the same
principle is expressing itself in the
Nationalist struggle with Foreign
Imperialism, especially in the
specific phase of the struggle cur-
rently known as the anti-British
movement.

FALSE CONCLUSION.

"An incomplete grasp of this
principle leads the Powers con-
cerned to a conclusion which is
objectively false. This is particu-
larly true of Great Britain. She
desires a sort of truce in the
struggle with Chinese National-
ism; but instead of frankly and
courageously dealing with the only
government that can make an
effective and binding peace with
her, she retreats the old car-road
towards Peking in order to asso-
ciate the Anti-Nationalist authori-
ties there in the negotiation of a
settlement of questions which
Chinese Nationalism has com-
pelled the British and others to
confront as vital and urgent.
The irony of the position is that
whilst Sir Austen Chamberlain
in his Birmingham speech
implies that negotiations solely
with the Nationalist Govern-
ment would involve recognition
of the division of China, he is ap-
plying a diplomatic technique that
would infallibly bring about a
real division of the country. He
has communicated simultaneously
to the Nationalist Govern-
ment and to the Feudal authorities
at Peking certain proposals
which, if negotiated in the
manner desired by him, must
leave China into Nationalist
China with its Nationalist Govern-
ment at Wuhan and Feudalist
China with its Anti-National
Government at Peking.

ISSUE CONFRONTING BRITISH.

"Here in this diplomacy lies the
existence of a Peking complex in
the mind of British Imperialism.
The latter admits through the
British Foreign Secretary the
fundamental reasonableness of the
demand for treaty revision, which
is the fundamental objective of
Chinese Nationalism in its
struggle with Alien Imperialism.
Instead of working 'on this fact'
seriously and realistically with
the Sole Government that derives
its sanction and authority from
Chinese Nationalism, Great
Britain continues to twiddle with
Chinese Feudalism in Peking.
For fifteen years Great Britain
has looked to Peking for a govern-
ment that will govern and bring
peace to this harassed country.
To-day Peking is dying and the
British, her chief sustainer, are
facing the greatest crisis in their
career in Far Asia.

"Between Chinese Nationalism
and Chinese Feudalism there can
be no compromise. And the
moment has come for the British
to decide whether their trade and
commerce is to flourish in an in-
dependent Nationalist China or
continue to decline in an unfree
and feudal China."

The heavyweight champion of
the world, Gene Tunney, narrowly
escaped death when he lost his
balance and fell into the water at
Moonehead Lake, near Portland
Maine. Three friends rescued
him.

Entertainments.

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MURDER CHARGE.

SEQUEL TO AMERICAN OFFICER'S DEATH.

Mrs. Ella Young of Los Angeles,
mother of Lieutenant Robert A.
Young, who was killed aboard the
steamer San Antonio in the
Philippines last week, is to receive
three months' salary of her son
amounting to Pesos 450. This
was decided by Honorio Ventura,
secretary of the interior upon the
recommendation of the chief of
constabulary. The monthly pay
of a third lieutenant of constabulary
in 1926 was Pesos 150.

The body of Lieutenant Young
which was buried last Tuesday at
Misamis with full military
honours, was exhumed on Wed-
nesday afternoon, upon order of
Brigadier General Charles E.
Hathorst, chief of constabulary.
The general wired the provincial
commander of Misamis to send
the body back to Manila on the
first available steamer. The
exhumation was authorized by the
Director of Health.

Whether the body of Lieutenant
Young will be sent to Los Angeles
where his mother lives depends on
the answer to a cablegram sent
to her by the general.

A charge of murder has been
filed in the Misamis court against
Sergeant Benegrado, of the con-
stabulary, and charge of piracy
also will be filed soon, according
to reports from Misamis. Ser-
geant Benegrado is under con-
stabulary guard at the Misamis
jail, a constabulary report states.

Latest details about the killing
of Lieutenant Young showed that
he died in defence of the captain
of San Antonio and the other per-
sons attacked by Sergeant Bene-
grado. Investigation by the con-
stabulary showed that the ac-
cused fired first at the captain of
the boat who escaped unhurt, and
then shot the civilians on the deck.

FATAL MOTOR SMASH.

MAN KILLED IN MANILA.

One person was killed and three
were injured in a motor car wreck
between Culi-Culi, Rizal, and Fort
Wm. McKinley in Manila on
Thursday last.

The killed man is Segundo
Ojeda, 33 years old, of 2,037
Herran, Paco.
The three injured are Miss
Pacita Reyes, 21, of No. 50 Culi-
Culi, Miss Modesta Cabanes, Culi-
Culi and Venancio Valderrama,
30, Culi-Culi.

The accident occurred shortly
after 12 o'clock noon when the
car in which the six persons were
riding ran in a ditch at the side
of the road. The machine was
driven by Santiago Conde, chauffeur
for the Herran Garage.

Conde together with a passenger
named Marcelo, escaped unhurt.
Dominador Enage, who passed
the scene of the wreck a few
moments later, took the injured to
the Philippine General Hospital.
Segundo Ojeda died shortly after
noon from a broken skull.

Pacita Reyes is not expected to
live. She is suffering from a
fractured skull, broken shoulder
and a cerebral hemorrhage.

Modesta Cabanes and Venancio
Valderrama suffered only slight
injuries and were permitted to re-
turn to their homes after treat-
ment.

Segundo Ojeda, the dead man, is
survived by his widow.

Lieutenant Young, at this jun-
cture, tried to stop Benegrado, but
the latter aimed at him twice.
The lieutenant advanced and in a
hand to hand fight with Bene-
grado, he was mortally wounded
with a knife. The sergeant is
thought to have been temporarily
insane due probably to rough
voyage and lack of sleep when he
did the killing, according to the
provincial commander of Misamis.